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Principles

MR Nikita Khrushchev disclosed no radical changes in Soviet policy—foreign or domestic—in his report yesterday to the Communist Party Congress, but the speech was meritorious for its reasonable tone. It contained implied admissions, but no threats.

According to Mr Khrushchev, Russia has five prime objectives, all of which have been published before. One is "respect for co-existence," a second to strengthen relations with the "People's Democracies," a third to develop friendly relations specifically with India, Burma and Afghanistan, the fourth to work for better relations with Britain, France and the United States, and the fifth to maintain the defence potential of the Soviet Union.

As usual, there was no elaboration of these points by Mr Khrushchev; no indication of how Russia intends to implement the promised respect for co-existence; no sign of the means she intends to apply to improve relations with the Big Three.

VISIBLE in the enunciation of these five principles is a contradiction. Russia's aim to strengthen the People's Democracies must mean in effect a solidifying of the Communist military bloc, with a corresponding development of its war potential and its threat to world peace. If this part of the Soviet programme is going to be carried through, it is difficult to conceive how the Russians at the same time can expect successfully to woo the friendship of the free nations.

Mr Khrushchev is himself extremely vague on this question of improving relations with the West. He refers in passing to the economic, technical and cultural fields, but holds out no promise of closer understanding between East and West on fundamental issues on which the peace of the world depends.

Something more positive and practical would have been welcome. But like the recent Bulgarian letters to Eisenhower, the Khrushchev speech, when referring to international affairs, restricted itself to a platitudinous repetition of so-called principles, innocuous and devoid of substance.

THE WEST does not repudiate the idea of co-existence, but is led to wonder how it can be made workable while Russia embarks on a quest of stimulating unrest in areas beyond its normal sphere of interest and influence; while the Soviet Union deliberately imposes a new form of imperialistic colonialism on its Communist-controlled neighbours; and while the Russian leaders consistently refuse to budge an inch from the position they have adopted over questions such as disarmament, the control of atomic weapons and the future of West Germany. Co-existence requires something more than easy tolerance of opposite ways of life. So restricted, co-existence merely means drifting aimlessly along with no mutual provisions for the peace and security of the world. If co-existence is to be made something positive, there must be a quid pro quo on fundamental issues.

Mr Khrushchev calls for respect for co-existence. It is highly doubtful if that is sufficient to maintain such a delicate international relationship. If the Russians are sincere in their declaration of the principle they should also submit a blueprint for working arrangements which will ensure the maintenance of co-existence.

GREEN LIGHT FOR IKE

Doctors Say He's Fit For Another Term 'GOOD RECOVERY FROM ILLNESS'

Washington, Feb. 14.

President Eisenhower's doctors announced today "there was no medical reason why the President could not continue his active life in the White House for another term."

Dr Paul Dudley White, the Boston heart specialist, said as far as his medical conclusions were involved "the President should be able to carry on an active life satisfactorily for another five to ten years, but the choice is his, not ours."

The doctors gave Mr Eisenhower their favourable report on the basis, according to Dr White, of how he had withstood his workload during the last five weeks.

The staff of doctors attending the President said in a formal statement that Mr Eisenhower has made "a good recovery" from his coronary thrombosis of last September 24.

They elaborated their views in a session with news reporters shortly after they had given their findings to the President himself.

General Howard Snyder, the White House physician, said Mr Eisenhower "showed no signs of heart failure or beginning heart failure."

A statement read by Dr White said: "After weighing very carefully all available evidence, including our own experience, and fully aware of the hazards and the uncertainties that lie ahead, we believe that medically the President should be able to carry on an active life satisfactorily for another five to ten years, but the choice is his, not ours."

THE REASONS

"What we have seen of the job and the way he has carried on during the last five weeks are the reasons for the answer I have just given."

Dr White was quickly asked whether he meant active life as President.

"That was the conclusion from the last sentence," he replied.

Dr Snyder was asked if the President "could serve another four years in the White House without damage to himself?"

"We believe he can serve four or five years or longer in a very active position of great responsibility," he replied.

The Press Secretary Mr James Hagerty opened the news conference by saying the gentlemen sitting with him were "doctors, not politicians."

THE WARNING

"They're here to report on their medical findings, nothing else," Mr Hagerty said.

He also reminded reporters that at his last news conference President Eisenhower had said, "I think I will probably trust my own feelings more than I will trust the doctors' reports."

Dr White was asked for the President's reaction to the report of the doctors, and replied cheerfully: "He will make his own decision and will present to the people in a relatively short time his conclusions."

Dr White could not estimate the possible strain of an election campaign, saying that this was "something the (the President) undoubtedly will mention later."

THE STRAIN

He also said, while there were different schools of medical thought, he, for one, did not believe that stress and strain bring on heart attacks.

Asked whether there would have to be any limitation on a campaign by the President, Dr White said that was something Mr Eisenhower would have to say.

The doctors met among themselves for about an hour, beginning shortly before noon at the White House. Then they were with the President for a full hour. They adjourned and saw Mr Eisenhower again, reporting their conclusion to him.

Other highlights from the conference:

★ Mr Eisenhower was still taking his anti-coagulant drug and would continue to do so for some time.

cardiac accident, but I will describe him as being in very good health."

★ While in Georgia this week and next, he will be able to get out in the quail-hunting fields and follow the dogs, and may get in a "few holes of golf" if there is a motor cart to carry him around the course. Dr Snyder said he was not yet up to walking around the course, and pointed out that the President had been using a golf cart for over two years.

AND SHARE PRICES MOVE UP

San Francisco, Feb. 14.
Today's medical report on President Eisenhower's health sent the San Francisco and Los Angeles stock markets into heavy trading and caused a rise in prices of all leading stocks.

The New York stock market was closed by the time when an announcement was made.—Reuter.

Asked whether the physicians had advised him that he was physically fit for another term Dr White said, "We told him just what we've told you, but he will have to make his own statement."

The doctors did not in their detailed report and in their answers to questions attempt to portray the President as being without some continuing physical limitations.

Dr White explained that the President was still in a period of convalescence, but he expected his activity to increase slowly.

The formal medical report itself said "no physical abnormalities other than the expected scar in the heart muscle showed up in the examinations conducted last Saturday at the Walter Reed Hospital."

Mr Eisenhower's pulse, temperature and blood pressure remained normal and stable, and his weight had not exceeded 172 pounds on a low-fat diet which rarely exceeded 1,800 calories a day.—United Press.

20 Die In Fire

Ankara, Feb. 14.
At least 20 people were killed and 40 injured when three-quarters of the little port of Gerge on the Black Sea, last night, it was learnt today.—France-Press.

Air Crash: 3 Dead

Cannes, Feb. 14.
Two Paris newspapermen and a woman pilot were killed today when their aircraft crashed into the sea during a reporting mission over the snow-bound St. Tropez region.—France-Press.

18 KILLED IN CRASH

Passenger Trains Collide

Santiago, Feb. 14.
At least 18 people were killed and 70 injured—40 of them seriously—when two passenger trains collided near Santiago today.

An excursion train taking workers on a trip to Carapina beach to get away from the hot heat of the capital was run into by a special train bound for Haranca's beach.



No 'Third Man' In US Embassy A LETTER, YES, BUT NOT TO DONALD MACLEAN

London, Feb. 14.

The Foreign Office tonight denied that any letter had been found in the British Embassy in Cairo addressed to former British diplomat Donald Maclean.

The Foreign Office said a letter had been found but that it was addressed to "a third person, clearly not Maclean."

"There is nothing in the letter to justify the inference that Maclean was receiving secret U.S. documents from a contact in the American Embassy in Cairo or that its author was engaged in espionage," the statement said.

'VERY CAUTIOUS'

The Foreign Office denied followed reports in the American press that a letter was found in a book in the British Embassy library in Cairo addressed to Donald Maclean. The reports said the "Cairo letter" had been written in May, 1950 and appeared to contain coded messages.

In particular the reports quoted one sentence: "David is very, very cautious about Donald's replacement and doesn't know what he is like."

The statement continued: "The sentence in question reads: 'Donald is playing very cautiously about the David's replacement and has not decided what he is like.'"

The statement also mentioned Donald Maclean's disappearance which, at the time of writing (June 7, 1951) had just been made public.

"There is nothing in the letter to justify the inference that Maclean was receiving secret U.S. documents from a contact in the American Embassy in Cairo or that its author was engaged in espionage,"—France-Press.

Nye Bevan Made

Labour's Colonial Expert



London Feb. 14.

Left-winger Aneurin Bevan is Labour's new chief spokesman on colonial affairs.

In a reshuffle of his "shadow cabinet" Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Labour Party leader, also nominated Mr Harold Wilson, a leading lieutenant of Mr Bevan for many years, to succeed Mr Gaitskell himself as chief spokesman on treasury matters.

Mr Alfred Robens, former Labour Minister, continues as the party's chief Foreign Affairs spokesman, and is now given the assistance of Mr Kenneth Younger, one-time Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

None of the appointments, however, guarantees that the holder will necessarily become the minister responsible for the department concerned if Labour was elected to office.

Creech Jones To Help

The reshuffle became necessary due to Mr Gaitskell's recent appointment as leader. In succession to Earl Attlee, and the replacement of Mr Herbert Morrison by James Griffiths as Deputy Leader.

Mr Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, up to now has been the party's spokesman on financial and economic questions, and Mr Griffiths, former Colonial Secretary, looked after Colonial affairs.

Mr Bevan, as Colonial spokesman, will have the help of another former Colonial Secretary—Mr Arthur Creech Jones.

Mr George Brown and Mr Fred Lee will take over from Mr Bevan on labour questions.

Mr Creech Jones also takes over Commonwealth Relations in place of Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, former Commonwealth Relations secretary, who is now one of a team handling Treasury and Board of Trade matters under Mr Wilson. The others include Mr Arthur Bottomley, once Overseas Trade Minister.

Summerskill's Post

Mr John Strachey, former War Minister, becomes spokesman on topics concerning the War Department. General defence questions will be handled by Mr Richard Stokes, another former minister.

Other spokesmen—some unchanged from Earl Attlee's selection—include: Education—Mr Michael Stewart; Home Office, Mr Younger; and Mr Andrew Greenwood, Health. Dr Salt, Summerskill, former National Insurance Minister.—Reuter.

SELWYN LLOYD SAYS

"We'll Keep Russia Out"

London, Feb. 14.
The Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd said today Britain and the United States are prepared to implement the 1950 tripartite declaration on the Middle East outside the United Nations in order to keep Russia out.

Mr Lloyd said that the 1950 agreement provided for action by the three powers—Britain, France and the U.S.—either inside or outside the United Nations in the event of an outbreak of war between Israel and the Arabs.

It was engineered as a warning that Soviet obstruction and use of the Security Council veto would not hinder the Western powers in an emergency.

"If an aggressor is to be deterred, then he must be made to realise that any action would not be bogged down," Mr Lloyd said.

"Bogged down by a Soviet veto on the Security Council," he added.

MR K and the WEDGE

London, Feb. 14.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev adopted new tactics for wedge driving between the Western allies in his speech to the Soviet Communist party congress in Moscow, diplomatic sources said tonight.

Most of the Communist Party Secretary's marathon speech appeared to be designed for internal consumption. But those parts directed to foreign ears contained many new thrusts at what the Kremlin believes are potential weaknesses in the Western alliance.

Mr Khrushchev asserted that under the banner of "Atlantic Commonwealth" the United States planned to take over the British Empire, told Franco she was becoming a third rate power because of American support of West Germany, and warned Britain and France of dangers in encouraging West Germany's economic revival.

Officials said there was not the slightest chance of Russia's succeeding in the wedge driving exercise.

Co-existence?

Mr Khrushchev insisted it was possible for the capitalist and Communist systems to live side-by-side but he offered no constructive proposals for reconciling the big differences existing between the two blocs, the sources said.

The only firm suggestion he appeared to make was for agreement on the suspension of hydrogen bomb tests pending a disarmament treaty.

This idea was first mooted by Russia in a Moscow broadcast last November, but Mr Khrushchev's statement today contained the first official support for it.

"It aroused no enthusiasm in Government quarters here tonight. It was recalled that only yesterday Sir Anthony Eden declared that he and President Eisenhower had decided against the stopping of tests. They held that the radiation effect on human beings from nuclear tests was less than that of natural causes.—Reuter.

California Quake

San Francisco, Feb. 14.
A long rolling earthquake shook southern California today, the second to hit the area in a week. The centre was believed to be in sparsely settled Mexican country near the head of the Gulf of Mexico.—Reuter.

Attlee Better

London, Feb. 14.
Earl Attlee, former British Labour Party leader, who fractured two ribs in a car accident on Friday night, had a comfortable day and is "progressing," it was stated at his home tonight.—Reuter.

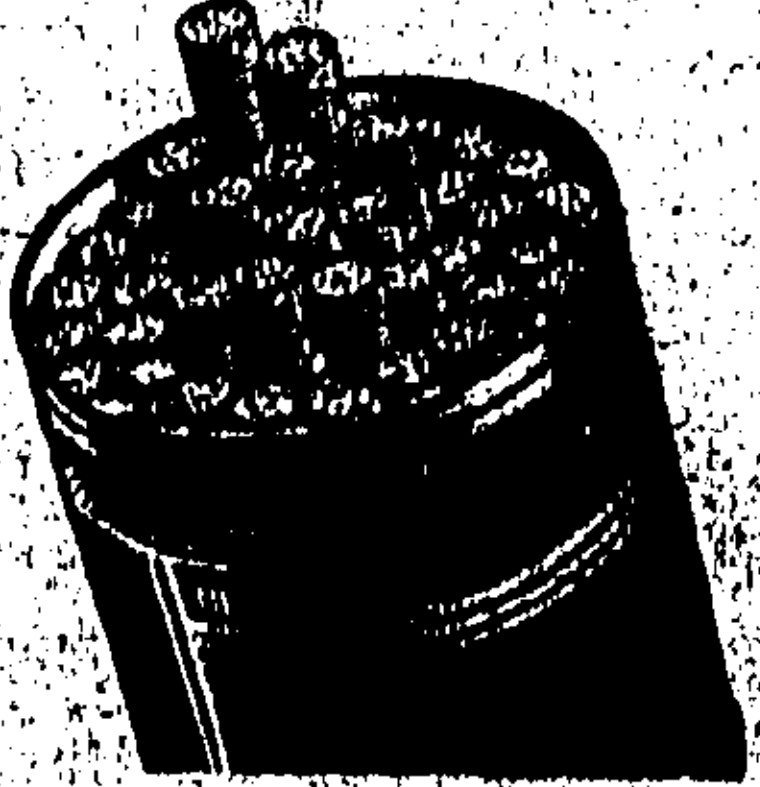
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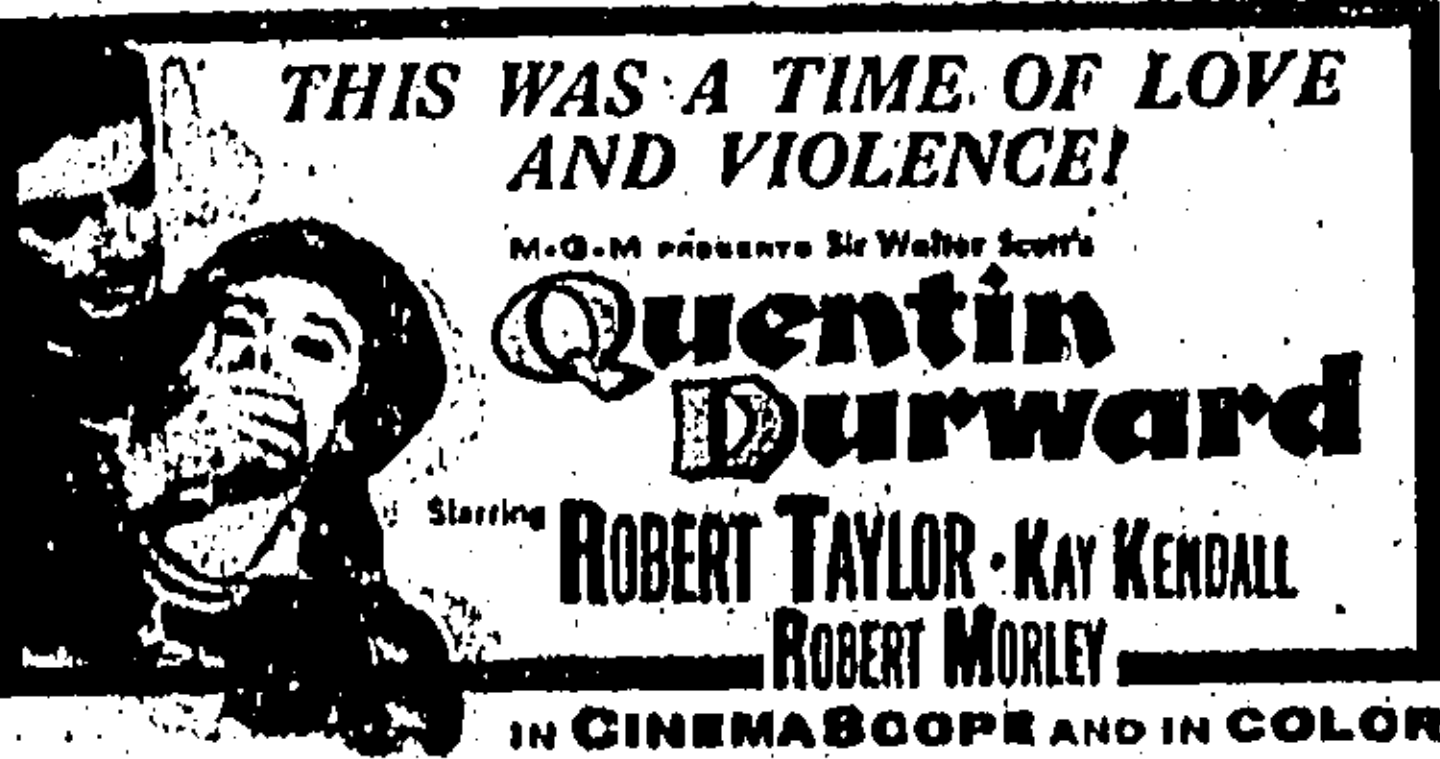


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AUSTRALIA HAS CLAIM TO ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

Canberra, Feb. 14.

The presence of Soviet "squatters" in Queen Mary Land does not weaken Australia's 45-year-old claim to the Antarctic territory, authoritative government sources said today.

They pointed out that Russia asked Australia's permission before establishing a base at 92 degrees East longitude, near the centre of the 115-degree sector of Antarctica, staked out by Australian explorers in 1911.



Sen. Symington

Symington Attacks Air Policy

Washington, Feb. 14. Sen. Stuart Symington charged today that the administration's "business-as-usual" approach to defence will give Russia air superiority.

He said the administration has adopted "policies which steadily reduce our relative air strength" as against the air strength of Russia, and that while Communist plane production "steadily increases, we steadily decrease our own."

Sen. Symington, Air Force Secretary in the Truman administration and a member of the Armed Services Committee, renewed his attack on administration defence policies in a Senate speech.

Pass Superiority

Because of administration economy cuts, he said, "we are planning to pass our air superiority over to the Communists."

This year, he said, the administration plans to spend more than \$1 billion less for aircraft procurement than last year. In 1955, he said, it purchased less than one-fourth the number of combat planes purchased in 1952.—United Press.

The Australian claim extends from 45 to 160 degrees East longitude.

The Russians proudly proclaimed their landing in the Antarctic yesterday, in a Moscow broadcast inspired by the opening day of the 20th Communist Party Congress, but they made no formal claim to the territory.

Made Clear

Observers here said the Russians are unlikely to attempt any formal "claim-jumping" while they are trying to renew diplomatic relations with Australia before the Olympic Games start in November.

On the other hand, Russian expedition chief Mikhail Somov made it clear in a radioed interview with the United Press two weeks ago that Soviet authorities intend to keep a permanent finger in the Antarctic pie.

"No attempt to decide the question of a regime for Antarctica without the participation of the Soviet Union can be justified," Somov said. Russia claims the Antarctica because a Russian explorer named Fabian von Bellingshausen sighted the first territory ever seen within the Antarctic Circle more than 124 years ago—a tiny island which he named for Czar Peter I.—United Press.

Grace Kelly To Continue Career, Says Studio

New York, Feb. 14.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studio said in a press release here that actress Grace Kelly, who is to marry Prince Rainier of Monaco in April, would resume her film career about six weeks after her marriage.

Both Miss Kelly and Prince Rainier have said that the future Princess had no plans about resuming her acting career after her marriage. The studio's release said that the noted stage director Joseph Logan would direct Miss Kelly's next film, "Designing Woman." This film is scheduled to start on June 1, soon after Miss Kelly returns to Hollywood from her wedding trip.

Co-Stars

The announcement also said that James Stewart and Cyd Charisse would be co-stars with Miss Kelly in the film. Miss Kelly completed the role of a princess in "The Swan" before her engagement to Prince Rainier was announced, but the film has not yet been released. She is at present completing "High Society," a film which is MGM production.—Reuter.

SMOOTH RIDES UNDERGROUND

Paris, Feb. 15.

The Paris Metro—the capital's underground railway—has started on a programme of giving its passengers smooth rides and no rattles. Trains with cushioned tyres are being introduced on one line to replace old and noisy rolling stock, and other lines will follow suit.—China Mail Special.

French Premier Pelted



French residents in Algiers staged a hostile demonstration on the recent arrival of new French Premier Guy Mollet, pelting him with fruit and, after he placed a wreath on the local war memorial, tearing it to shreds.

Picture shows (top): Demonstrators collect potatoes and other vegetables to use as missiles during the demonstration. Picture shows (bottom): M. Mollet placing the wreath on the war memorial.—Express Photo.

London Suburban Newspaper Shut-Down Possible

London, Feb. 14.

Hundreds of London suburban newspapers and national periodicals faced a shut-down after union leaders, employers and government officials failed today to settle a printers' pay dispute.

Tomorrow night, 8,000 printers will be handed dismissal notices unless they agree to stop the "working to rule" routine they have followed for some weeks in support of a wage claim.

A 90-minute meeting this afternoon between government conciliation officials and representatives of the London Typographical Society and the Association of Correctors of the Press—the two unions concerned—ended without sign of agreement.

Would Be Dismissed

The printers were told last night that they would be dismissed if they did not stop their working to rule tactics.

The dispute arose over a claim by the printers for a new minimum rate of £12 a week. They rejected the employers' offer to raise the minimum to £10 6s 6d.

National newspapers are not affected by the dispute.—Reuter.

Russian A-Powered Icebreakers

London, Feb. 14.

Russian atomic-powered icebreakers which Russia has announced will come into use in a few years, will have 100,000-horse power engines, Moscow radio said today.

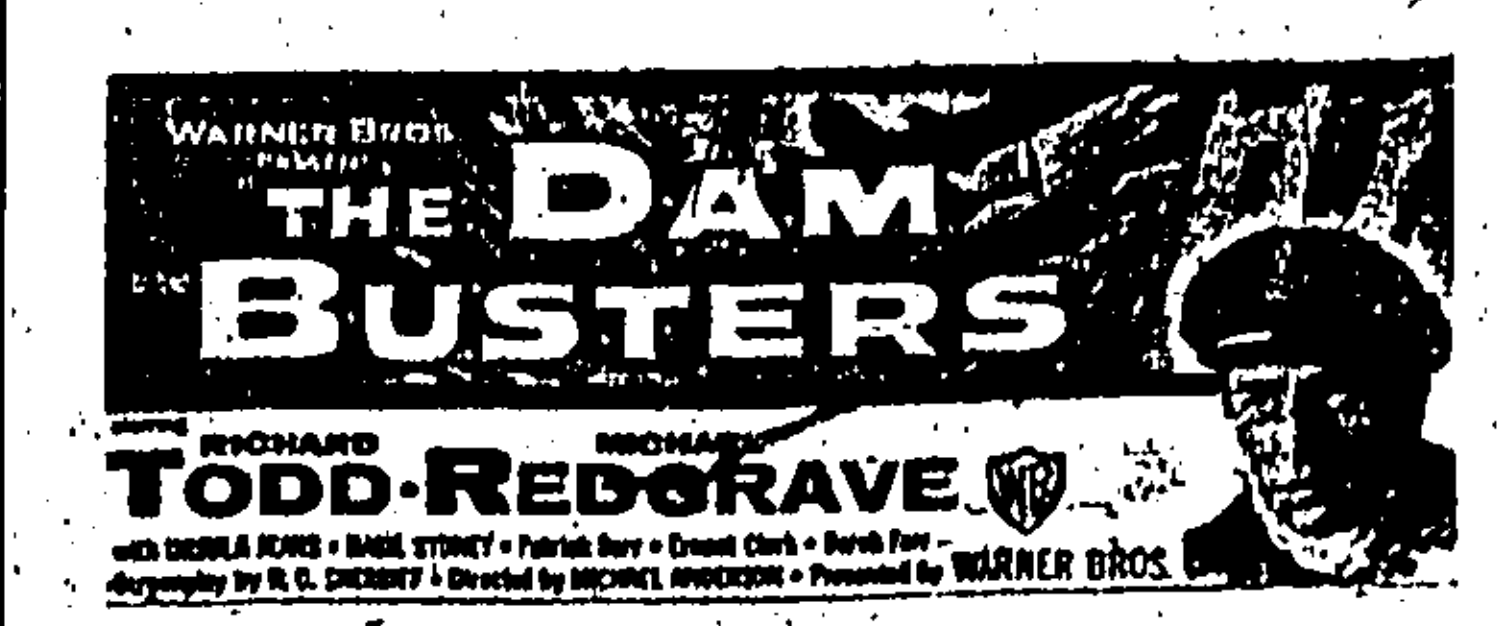
The ships will displace about 11,000 tons and stouter construction will enable them to break thicker ice.

Automation will reduce the size of the crew and thus lead to more comfortable quarters. The craft will be streamlined against storms.—China Mail Special.

Havana, Feb. 14.

The body of two-year-old Emilio Tapanes, badly torn by buzzards, has been found two miles from his home on a sugar plantation near Ciego de Avila.—China Mail Special.

ORIENTAL



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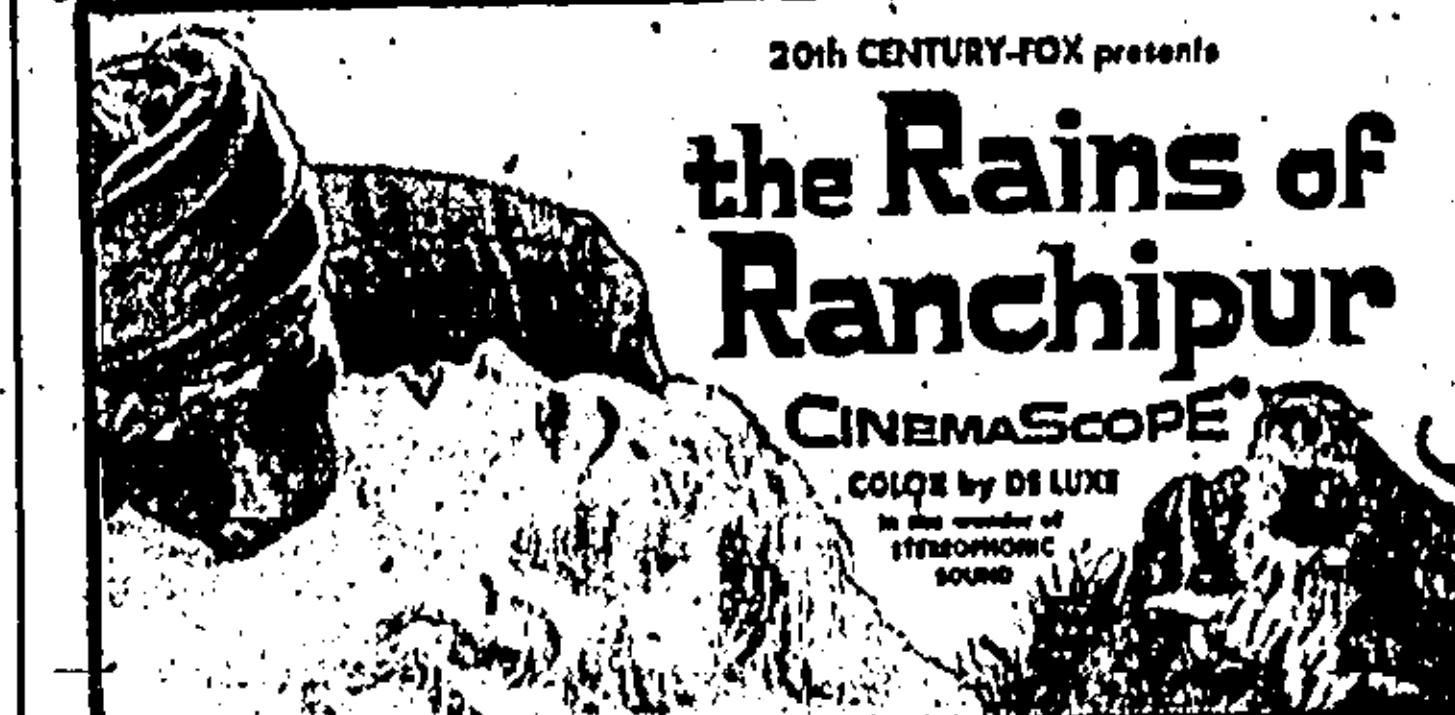
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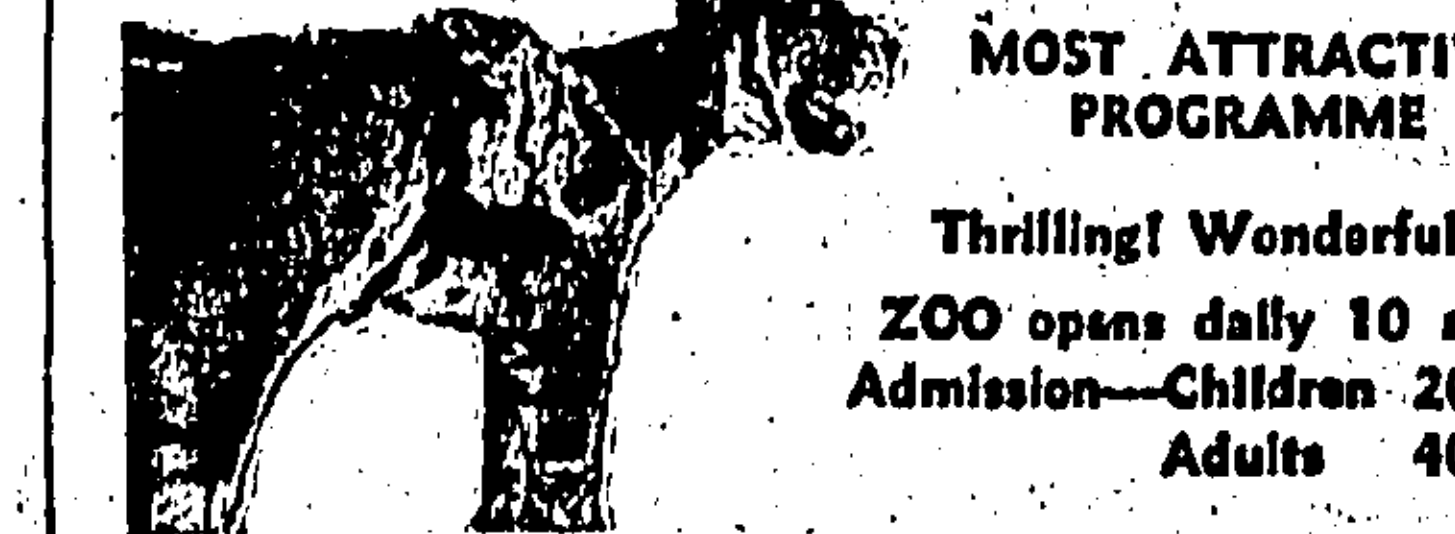


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Further Credit Squeeze

Expected Soon

By Fraser Wighton

London, Feb. 15.

Mr Harold Macmillan, Britain's new Chancellor of the Exchequer, will tell Parliament soon how he proposes to tighten the government's squeeze to stop Britons, prosperous and fully employed, from disturbing the economy by overspending at home.

Throughout last year, the government issued warnings that this domestic spending spree threatened to offset the fruits of a booming production, and twice it introduced measures to control the situation.

Last Friday, in a speech at Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, the new Chancellor told a political audience that what current talk about inflation really meant was Britons were taking a little more out of the pot than they were putting into it.

Domestic Demand

Monthly import-export figures published yesterday demonstrate what Mr Macmillan meant. Although the nation's January exports to the world reached an all-time record high level, they fell short by £74,000,000 of the sum the country had to pay for its imports. This was the highest gap for many months.

High domestic demand for goods that have to be bought

abroad is only part of the government's problem. Another is that excessive demand for goods made here reduces supplies of raw materials for export manufacturers. Many of these raw materials have to be bought from abroad.

Last year, the government—following monthly drops in the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves, its liquid assets and adverse gaps between imports and exports—introduced a series of corrective measures.

The bank rate was pushed up to four-and-a-half percent—highest since 1932; bigger initial deposits were decreed for hire-purchase transactions; borrowing by customers from banks was made more difficult; the purchase (sales) tax on goods was raised by a fifth; some of these measures were put through in an emergency financial budget in the autumn.

Beginning To Work

Questioned on the progress of the squeeze in Parliament today, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said there were indications that the steps taken were beginning to work.

But Mr Macmillan last Friday made it clear that if necessary, further measures will be taken to safeguard beyond all doubt that Britain's economic progress over the past four years is not imperilled by reckless home spending.

To ensure this, the government may take some fresh steps without waiting for the annual budget in April.

Mr Macmillan, at Gainsborough, said the rate of capital investment must be slowed down, and hinted the state-run industries would have to do with less. In the private sector of industry, there must be more, not less, competition. Restrictive practices must be restrained or prevented in industry or commerce, he said.

Introducing Bill

The government will today introduce a bill to control restrictive practices. Mr Macmillan said that this bill legislated for employers, and made clear he expected trade unions to see that equally restrictive practices among employees did not put the brake on Britain's progress.—China Mail Special.

Illegal Entry Into US Enquiry

New York, Feb. 14. A probe into the illegal entry of Chinese into the United States was started on Tuesday by a special Federal Grand Jury.

US Attorney Paul Williams stated that the organization which sponsors these entries is "vast" and that it had headquarters in New York, Boston, Washington and San Francisco. According to the immigration authorities, the illegal entries are based on false parentage with Chinese having American citizenship.—France-Press.

Served Too Much Potato

Wuerzburg, Feb. 14. A United States Army private who served extra-large portions of potatoes to American troops here has been fined 50 dollars and given a suspended sentence of 30 days hard labour.

An army spokesman said a court martial found private Frank Askeiko guilty of "willfully disobeying the order of his commanding officer to serve the troops with large portions of potatoes."—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN'S EPU DEFICIT

London, Feb. 14. Britain had a deficit with the European Payments Union in January of £3,681,571 it was announced today.

She paid off 75 per cent of this deficit in gold and the remainder was added to her outstanding debt to the Union.

During the month Britain made further payments totalling £796,785 to other countries in the union to reduce her own total deficit.

Belgium received £267,857, the Netherlands £223,214, Sweden £152,857 and Switzerland £92,857.

As a result of the above transactions, the total British debt to the union was increased from £122,981,017 to £123,165,000.—Reuter.

Economic Development Of Asia

Bangalore, Feb. 14.

The twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) ended today on a note of optimism regarding the economic future of Asian countries.

Some 200 representatives and observers from 32 countries generally felt that the Asian countries have now emerged from a long period of economic stagnation and were ready for a march toward economic development.

ECAFE's last session drew a large crowd which filled the Bangalore Town Hall and adjoining streets outside and heard the concluding speeches by loudspeakers. Individual delegates were cheered by the crowd, particularly Dr P. Lagorio of the Philippines who appeared wearing a Gandhi cap.

Co-operation

Final speeches by delegates stressed the generally co-operative atmosphere of the session and praised the organisation of the meeting.

Earlier today, a minor political debate arose when Russia insisted that the draft report should include the Soviet delegate's references calling for the substitution of the "Chiang Kai-shek clique" delegate by a representative of China.

After lengthy debate the Soviet delegate, P. A. Malotin, suggested his remarks be included in the draft report by reference to the paragraph concerned instead of their mention in his own words. The meeting accepted this suggestion.

Insult

The Nationalist Chinese delegate Chen Ching-men then proposed that his statement taking exception to Russia's insult "to the head of the only legally constituted government of the Republic of China" also be included in the report closely following the reference to the Soviet resolution. The Nationalist suggestion also was accepted.

With the exception of these amendments the draft report was adopted and will be submitted to the Commission's parent body—the United Nations Economic and Social Council.—United Press.

Ancient Statuettes Found

Baghdad, Feb. 14.

A United States archaeological expedition in Iraq has unearthed five copper statuettes, more than 4,000 years old, of two Sumerian kings. It was announced here.

The figures, each 14 inches long, were found in stone boxes under the foundations of temples in the Nuffar excavation situated near Diwaniya, some 90 miles south of here.

The Sumerians, creators of the oldest-known civilisation, lasted until 1930 B.C. they are believed to have invented the art of writing.

They inhabited Sumer, the ancient name for the plain bordering the lower Euphrates River. It was later called Babylonia.

Dr. H. H. Asch, Director General of Antiquities here, who announced the discovery, said "without all the ancient clay and Iraq's army of these two Sumerian kings."—China Mail Special.

Walking On Ice-Blue Danube



Townpeople of Vilsbiburg, Austria, are shown walking on the frozen waters of the Danube, which had overflowed its banks, rendering many families homeless in the resulting floods.—Express Photo.

Bitter Weather Holds Europe In Its Grip

London, Feb. 14.

More than 300 people were reported dead or missing tonight in the bitterly cold weather which is gripping Europe. In some countries, the cold spell is described as the worst this century.

Worst hit by casualties was Yugoslavia, where at least 114 people are feared dead or missing in avalanches.

Eighty-eight people were reported to have died in the three-day cold spell in France, while 55 perished in Italy.

Paris: Nineteen deaths yesterday brought to 88 the toll of three of the latest days France has known this century, according to unofficial estimates here.

From the Mediterranean coast to the English Channel snow and frost played havoc with communications, food deliveries and fuel supply.

ROME: Helicopter crews and doctors stood by at Rome Airport as emergency calls poured in from the snowbound mountain villages of Central and South Italy.

After heavy snowfalls last night many communities were without water and food. A Trieste workman, a 60-year-old Roman woman, both found frozen to death today, brought the total of victims of the cold spell to 63.

The United States Air Force increased its efforts to fly in supplies to the stricken population from bases in Germany.

The Italian Red Cross had asked for 20,000 "C" rations (equivalent to 60,000 meals); 25,000 blankets, 6,000 overcoats, 3,000 pairs of heavy boots, 10,000 pieces of woollen underclothing and 2,000 pairs of woollen stockings.

OSLO: Fish in coastal waters off Southern Norway are freezing to death, according to reports from Arendal. North-east winds cleared ice from

SETTLERS ABANDON HOLDINGS

Taza (Morocco), Feb. 14. The European settlers in the rebel-ridden Taza district of the Moroccan Rif mountains today informed the French regional authorities that they had abandoned their holdings.

At the same time, the settlers sent telegrams to the French President, M. Rene Coty, the French Premier, M. Guy Mollet, and the French Resident-General, M. Andre-Louis Dubois, calling their attention to the seriousness of the situation, and informing them of their action.—France-Press.

Paris, Feb. 14. A Paris examining magistrate has charged a television manufacturing firm with "refusing to sell sets to a cut-rate dealer. Refusal to sell is an offence under the 1935 law.

The shopkeeper M. Paul Beltracq, said that by refusing to sell sets to a cut-rate dealer, he was able to sell sets at a profit of 20 per cent below the market price.—France-Press.

FURRIER FAKED ROBBERY

Beverly Hills, Feb. 14.

A furrier to the motion picture world and close friend of film celebrities, was nailed today on charges that he staged a fake \$280,000 robbery of his exclusive fur salon.

The 40-year-old furrier was regarded as a gallant thief by the film colony here, for the helping hand he gave singer Mario Lanza when the partly tanned broke relations with his studio and was out of work for more than a year.

Among his patrons were such celebrities as Joan Crawford, Lana Turner, Jane Wyman, Loretta Young and many others.

Tellheim was reported heavily in debt to the fur trade, but the police said they could not tell if his helping hand to his friends was responsible for an estimated \$760,000 he owed.

Five Others

The police chief, Clinton Anderson, announced that Tellheim was charged with conspiracy to defraud an insurance company and conspiracy to commit grand theft as a result of the robbery of his fur salon last December 27. Police said five others were charged on the same charges as alleged participants in the plot.

Tellheim had claimed a \$135,000 loss on December 7, 1955, when he reported two men held him up and escaped with a large quantity of furs. Lloyds of London refused to pay insurance on the furs and Tellheim filed suit in a case not yet settled.

The furrier also had reported other robberies in Chicago, New York and Tulsa, Oklahoma, according to the police.—United Press.

Monk Missing In Scotland

London, Feb. 14.

A monk has mysteriously disappeared from the Benedictine Abbey at Fort Augustus, near Loch Ness, famous for its monster.

On Monday, Brother Thomas, aged 45, left the monastery to carry out a task in the country nearby. He never returned, and his fellow-monks could not find any trace of him. A team of 12 pupils from the monastery's school searched the countryside without result. Police dogs found no scent.

The monk has been in the monastery for over 20 years. His lay name is Thomas Malloch Hanson.—France-Press.

POLICE ROUND UP CALL GIRLS

New York, Feb. 14.

Police said today that they expected to detain a dozen or more high-priced call girls soon, in the biggest suspected "love for sale" ring since the arrest three years ago of M. F. (Mickey) Jelke, heir to a fortune.

Two women were summoned yesterday when they were found at fashionable Park Avenue addresses.

One of them was a brunette ex-showgirl, and the other was a tall blonde—made when she was found—who claimed to be a student at one of America's leading universities for women.

Surprise Move

Dopply-Police Commissioner James R. Kennedy said there were signs that the call girls now being sought charged more than 100 dollars (about £35 sterling) for their company. The tall, 21-year-old blonde, summoned yesterday, who identified herself as Jane Stacey, of Buffalo, and the brunette, Jane Cook, 33, were taken to the District Attorney's office in a surprise move today for a grand jury investigation of pornography.

The girls, when they were summoned, had been awaiting a hearing on vice charges. Police said the investigation had been going on for more than a month, and was continuing on "an intensive scale."

They said the evidence included transcripts of wire-tapped telephone calls to the Cook flat. Police alleged that the blonde was caught nude in bed with an unidentified man at a fashionable and ultra-conservative hotel, where the couple had registered under the name of Smith.

The room had been rented for the day for 20 dollars (about £7 sterling).

Man Arrested

Neither any New York hotel where the blonde said she was vacationing, nor the university she said she attended, knew her.

Last yesterday, police called again at the Cook flat and arrested Frederick Rosenberg, 33, who they said had been living with Jane Cook. A blonde said they spent money in his possession.—China Mail Special.

Air Marshal Visits Fort



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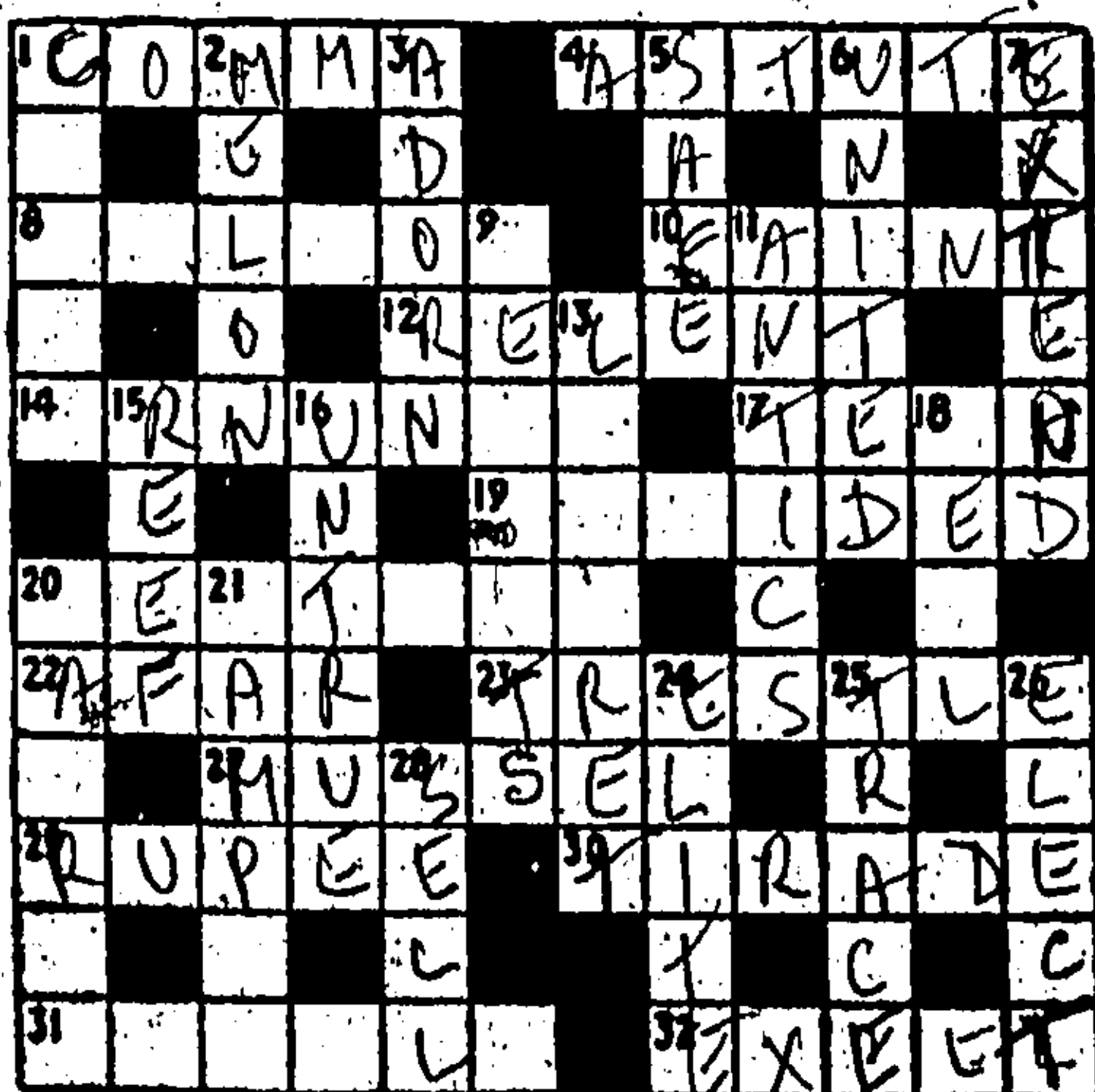
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Punctuation mark (5).
- 2 Shrewd (6).
- 3 Adviser (6).
- 4 Indistinct (5).
- 5 Bitten (6).
- 6 Beat (4).
- 7 Bird (4).
- 8 Skunked (7).
- 9 Sea-god (7).
- 10 At a distance (4).
- 11 Table support (7).
- 12 Shellfish (6).
- 13 Indian coin (5).
- 14 Vehement speech (6).
- 15 Sing (6).
- 16 Oust (5).

DOWN

- 1 Heavenly body (6).
- 2 Fruit (5).
- 3 Bedeck (5).
- 4 Secure (4).
- 5 Joined (6).
- 6 Stretch (5).
- 7 Retreat (5).
- 8 Capers (6).
- 9 Young animal (6).
- 10 Chain of rocks (4).
- 11 False (6).
- 12 Actual (6).
- 13 Limited (5).
- 14 Molly-coddled (6).
- 15 Cream (5).
- 16 Vestige (5).
- 17 Chosen (5).
- 18 Dispose of (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across 2 Assisted, 3 Arise, 4 Reported, 5 Compared, 6 Once, 7 Prohibit, 8 Delicate, 9 Arms, 10 Military, 11 Retained, 12 Ties, 13 Western, 14 Down: 1 Tale's Room, 2 Beer, 3 Load, 4 Tilt, 5 Dodge, 6 Rubbed, 7 Parli, 8 Ogres, 9 Caves, 10 Susan, 11 Tamed, 12 Arrow, 13 Pairs, 14 Sides, 15 Lash, 16 Avid, 17 Turn.

In Lapland, it's smart to ASK THEM OVER FOR A BATH

Says RENE MacCOLL

WHEN my plane landed here the other evening I stepped out slap on to the Arctic Circle—it runs right through the middle of the airfield.

A herd of reindeer was sniffing around and it was snowing hard.

Everyone was covered in fur hats, fur-lined greatcoats, and high boots.

I have so far refused to make any sartorial concessions to local weather conditions and am dressed as though for a stroll in the King's Road, Chelsea—a fact which has caused frosty eyebrows to rise on all sides.

This is the capital of Lapland—and the gateway to charming fantasy.

Two worlds exist side by side and intermingled: one is the world of forests and hills, wandering reindeer (about 150,000 of them), wild bear, the little Lapps themselves in their distinctive hollyberry-red tunics decked with touches of brilliant green and blue.

A world of misty beauty and, above all, a world of silence; a world in which there is only just now and then a day of dim and snowflake-filled daylight in which to see it.

The other is the modern world of this capital—matter-of-fact and businesslike.

Rovaniemi was 95 per cent destroyed by German bombs in the last war and the Finns have had to do their usual energetic job of rebuilding.

Young Dancers

The hotel I am at is excellent. The service—waitresses wear well-cut dark suits—is dicit. And I can get anything from reindeer steaks to a bottle of vintage burgundy.

I watched a dance at the hotel—during which elegant, well-dressed young men and women solemnly executed foxtrots and slightly uncertain samba to the strains of ancient British and American dance tunes.

I paid a courtesy call on Uuno Hannula, the hard-bitten governor of Lapland. He courteously insisted on my being taken by car for a tour

of his 15,000-population capital and I was shown—with impressive pride—the new schools and hospitals, the modernistic Lutheran church, and the pleasant residential area.

Here in Rovaniemi, as all over Finland, the sauna plays a great part in life. This is the communal bath house, and the Finns delight in the ceremony whereat water is poured over red-hot stones to produce clouds of steam.

After an hour in a near-boiling temperature you take an ice-cold shower—or rush out of doors wearing nothing, for a good roll in the snow.

The sauna is so much of a tradition of the country—there are between 300,000 and 400,000 of the wooden bath houses in Finland—that fastidious who have just built now ones for themselves often invite the neighbours for a gala inauguration. (The women have their sauna first, then the men).

Reindeer Riches

Saunas, skis, and schnapps. Toboggans and people hauling their babies along on the frozen snow on what look like inverted saucer-like sleds.

But the consumption of fiery schnapps is limited. You must order a plate of food with every glass—just like a London night spot.

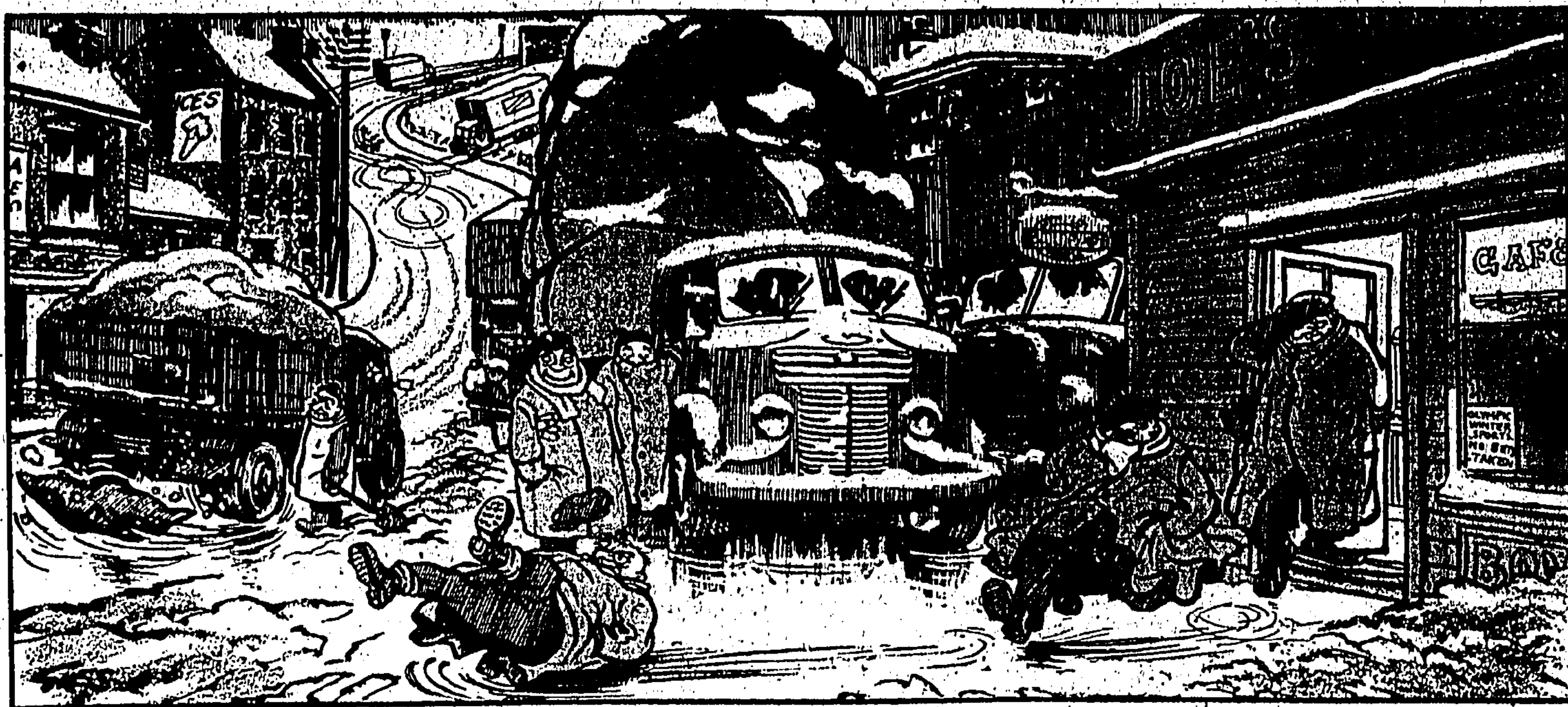
And, you must never, never make the mistake of asking a Lapp how many reindeer he has got. The Lapp economy is based on reindeer and this is just like asking a casual acquaintance back in England how much money he has got in the bank.

Not the least of my surprises up here on the Arctic Circle has been encountering Miss Ellen Davies, of London.

She is a bright-eyed, energetic little thing who, like so many of her fellow Quakers, has devoted her life to welfare work and teaching.

A couple of years ago she made her way from Britain to Helsinki, hitch-hiked north, and got a job here teaching English at a school with 900 pupils.

She says that when the temperature drops to 60 below it can be unpleasant "because then your clothes get cold all through and when that happens you are apt to feel cold as well."



"Lot of wasted talent here that could be doing us a bit of good in Corina."

Russia Proclaims Herself A Western Nation, Yet THE EAGLE FACES EAST

By Stephen Garnett

Marshal Bulganin, and Mr Krushchev, during their recent visit to Burma, referred to themselves as "Europeans." In this article Garnett points out that "from that point in time when European Slavs turned back the tide of Mongol invasion.... the dominating theme of Russian history has been the thrust to East and South."

THE heraldic eagle of the old Imperial Russia was provided with two heads, looking different ways, as if to symbolise the argument and dilemma of the historians: is Russia an Eastern nation looking westwards, or a Western nation looking eastwards?

Since the 1917 Revolution, the territory controlled from Moscow has not shrunk; it has expanded. The argument has consequently continued. How are we to regard a continental power that sprawls from the North Sea to the Pacific? How, in fact, do the Russians, or their leaders, regard themselves?

If the visit of the Soviet chiefs to India, Burma and Afghanistan at the end of 1955 had done nothing else, it did at least answer that question. Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev arrived as Western explorers. They offered friendship and assistance from that viewpoint, and in Burma they were reported to have referred to themselves (in Krushchev's words) as "We Europeans."

It was almost an invitation to tidy our minds, to look again at the map, and to ask ourselves by what general or special historical process a European nation came to occupy, or to be dominant in, so large an area of two continents. It was certainly, in Mr Krushchev's own phraseology, an invitation to compare the Russian record with that of other nations in the West.

Four Centuries

BUT let us leave that comparison to the creators of today—or the historians of tomorrow. Comparisons, at the moment, are apt to be strident. Now that we know which way the eagle really looks, the facts seem simple. It is only when the sum of these facts has to be described as "good" or "bad" that conversation suddenly becomes controversy.

Whether it was "good" or "bad" that Ivan the Terrible captured Kazan on October 2, 1552, is not now a burning issue. It made an incident in a memorable Soviet film. But what else?

From that point in time when European Slavs turned back the tide of Mongol invasion from the East, the dominating theme of four centuries of Russian history has been the thrust to East and South. The courts and politics of spectacular "Western-looking" sovereigns like Peter the Great, and Catherine, secured most of the attention in European history books.

But all the time—and partly, no doubt, because the other Western nations could hold their frontiers with Russia—the sea of Muscovite energy was flowing the other way. Generation after generation, pushed almost silently to the Urals and across the Urals to the Asian and over them to the great plains of the north and south to the Hindu Kush, and south to the Caucasus.

In order to ban the menace of a new Genghis Khan.

writes Walter Kolari, "the Czar of Moscow had to become Genghis Khan." In expanding a not very considerable Russian state into a great multi-national empire, the Czar presented the outside world with that confusion between "East" and "West" which Mr Krushchev has now emphatically dispelled.

The Czar may have become Genghis Khan, but his Soviet successors have remained Russian. What, then, have they done with their Asian inheritance?

They have not relinquished it and see no reason to do so, whatever may become of other empires. They have organised it, and they have done so on the principle of the supremacy of the Russian people, the Russian language and "advanced" Russian experience. The history of the USSR since its establishment is the story of the successful grafting of that possibly old-fashioned but very vigorous idea upon Marxist theory.

Bloody Story

THIS sizable operation is usually attributed to Stalin and the triumph of his tactic of "Socialism in one country first," against those who wished to give priority to the promotion of world revolution. But there is no convincing reason to suppose that the course of events would have been radically different, or less ruthless, under any one of his rivals. They were all

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"Europeans" directing a revolution conceived even further West than Russia.

To secure and consolidate the Russian Revolution, it was deemed essential to extend its power as quickly as possible to what Lenin called the borderlands (all 15 of what are now the non-Russian Soviet Republics are considered to be "border republics" as against "Inner Russia").

And it is of some interest that Lenin gave the name of "The Great Revolution of the East" to an operation that was not an obvious product of the Communist Manifesto. This was the "industrial" or "westernisation" of all the Arabic and other "backward" Asian alphabets among the dependent peoples.

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change, from "Latin" to "Cyrillic" alphabets, made necessary by the decree on the obligatory teaching of Russian in all non-Russian schools. Both alphabetic revolutions represent Western "progress" both have served as weapons against nationalism and against religion in Russia's Asian territories. Whether this is "good" or "bad" is a matter for a different enquiry. But it is so.

What is also clear is that the road which the Asian peoples of the USSR have travelled is not the road which they thought had been opened to them by the Russian Revolution. The destruction of the Czarist power seemed to promise freedom from Muscovite control.

And, indeed, in answer to this unacknowledged aspiration, the promise was actually made, immediately after the Revolution, in the basic decree of

November 15, 1917, the different peoples of the former Czarist Empire was declared to have the right to separate existence.

"Organise your national life in complete freedom," said Lenin and Stalin three weeks later in their proclamation to "all Muslim toilers of Russia and the East." They added: "and your support to this revolution and to its government."

In many cases the support was given. In others there was national opposition to the revolution from the West. It is a bloody story, but revolutions are often bloody.

Not Granted

AGAIN, it may be historically "good" or "bad" for the peoples of Central Asia to have been incorporated in the Soviet Union. Moscow, proclaiming it as "good," set about the reorganisation of history and of culture and the elimination of former national heresies.

And Moscow is a Western capital. Organisation, roads, railways, factories, dams, eventually flowed in on a Western tide; and with them, Russians. By 1939 the number of Kazakhs in the USSR had fallen by 870,000 from the 1929 figure. But the Russians and Ukrainians in Kazakhstan had increased by at least half a million. This was in the industrialised region, and now there is a big drive to colonise

the "virgin lands" of the remaining Kazakh stockbreeders with State farms manned by "volunteers" from the West.

Now Kazakhstan, like the other constituent Republics, still possesses, in writing, the right to secede which its people once demanded. Why, when other Eastern peoples have preferred independent existence, has it not done so? The answer might be that it prefers the political, economic and cultural pattern imposed by the Western revolution. Or the answer might be found in Stalin's announcement of 1920, less than three years after the right of secession had been declared.

"The demand for the secession of the border regions from Russia," he then wrote, "must be rejected." There was a demand, and it was rejected.

Not only that, but in the case of the Mongol and Buddhist Kalmyks, wooed by Lenin and granted an "Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic," the republic was abolished in December 1943, the entire population was deported, the capital was given a new Russian name and the Kalmyks disappeared from Soviet reference books.

Whatever name we give them, these are large, historic gestures. They are to be re-echoed, as Western gestures. Distasteful as it may be to more liberal traditions in the West, this orientation was never really in doubt.

IT'S NAT GUBBINS AGAIN!

IN case you didn't know, I a Mr Geoffrey Bocca has written the life story of Nancy Lady Astor for a Sunday newspaper.

Nancy Lady Astor in a statement to the Press said:

"To avoid misunderstanding I would like it to be known that I have never met Mr Bocca."

She also said that although Mr B. telephoned for an interview, he didn't get one.

Honest Mr B. admits all this, but his story is to be continued regardless.

Readers might also enjoy my life story of the Queen of Tonga when I write it. I have never met her and know nothing at all about her except she is tall, slightly overweight, and drove, smiling through the rain in an open carriage during the Coronation procession.

Considering the distance from the Sea Next to Tonga I might be even less fortunate than Mr B. If I rang her up.

Hullo, is that the Queen of Tonga?

"What?"

"Are you the Queen of Tonga?"

"Am I what?"

"The QUEEN OF TONGA, I for tare, O for close N for Nam, G for George."

"There is nobody here called George."

"I don't want George."

"Then why did you call for him?"

"I didn't." "Yes you did." "No I didn't. I said G for George."

"George Gee isn't here, either."

"I don't want George Gee." "Then who do you want?"

"The Queen of Tonga, Tonga, Tonga, Tonga."

"Bonga, Bonga, Bonga?"

"No, Tonga, Tonga, Tonga, Tonga."

"Are you ringing a bell?"

"No."

"Who are you anyway?"

"Gubbins."

"Who?"

"GUBBINS, G for George, U for Uncle, B for Bonga, B for Bonga, B for Bonga."

"Then you want Uncle George?"

"No, I am not Uncle George." "Then who do you want?"

"Oh, skip it." "He is not here either."

Undeterred by facts, I would then write the life story of the Queen of Tonga for an enormous fee and retire to an enormous home in Surrey, Stockbrokers' Tudor style, I think.

The gossips

WOMEN gossiping in groups at street corners and obscuring the view of drivers were blamed for many motor-accidents by Mr Norman Barry, town clerk of Blough.

Whenever wives and mothers meet They stand about on aching feet In wind and rain, on snow and ice, To talk about the current price Of bacon, mutton, meat, and hats, Of winter coats and cooking fats.

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He blames it on the Government. My husband says such awful things. About the way they're pulling strings.

My husband says they'll have to go. My husband says, and he should know."

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Of lettuce and cucumber. Think you're looking pretty hot? He's a hotter number.

Lady wear your oldest frock. When you're buying tatoes; Green grocers as hard as rock. Are kind to second-raters. Buy your fruit and veg in bags, Dress yourself in trouble. Then the kindly greengrocer. May charge you only double.

Half Home Guard

MR Antony Heald, Secretary for War, told Mr George Wigg, M.P., that the enrolled male strength of the Home Guard is 10,112 officers and 25,016 other ranks.

According to my reckoning the set-up must therefore be one officer to two and a half other ranks.

And if I know anything about the Home Guard, which I do, one of the other ranks is a sergeant, the other a corporal, leaving only half a private to be pushed around by the lot of them.

"Where's that little half-plat private we were drilling last week, sergeant?"

"We've worn him out, sir. Can't take it, sir."

"That's what's wrong with the Services today. No guts."

Gift Hint

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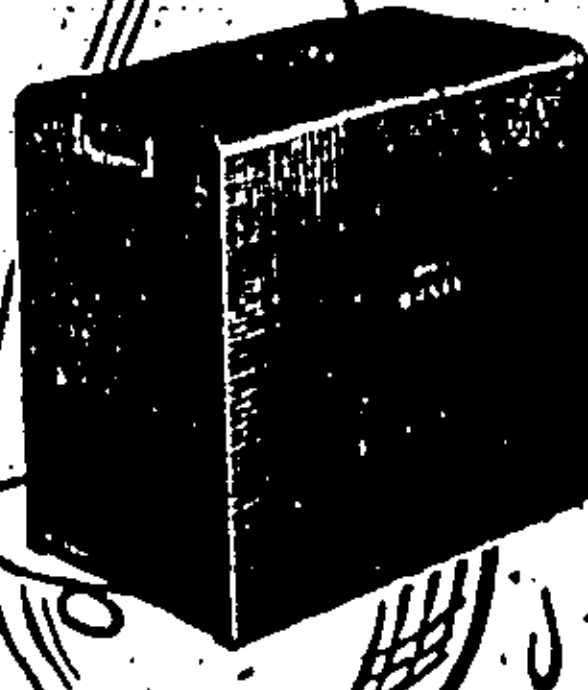
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Penalty Double Tips Off Foes

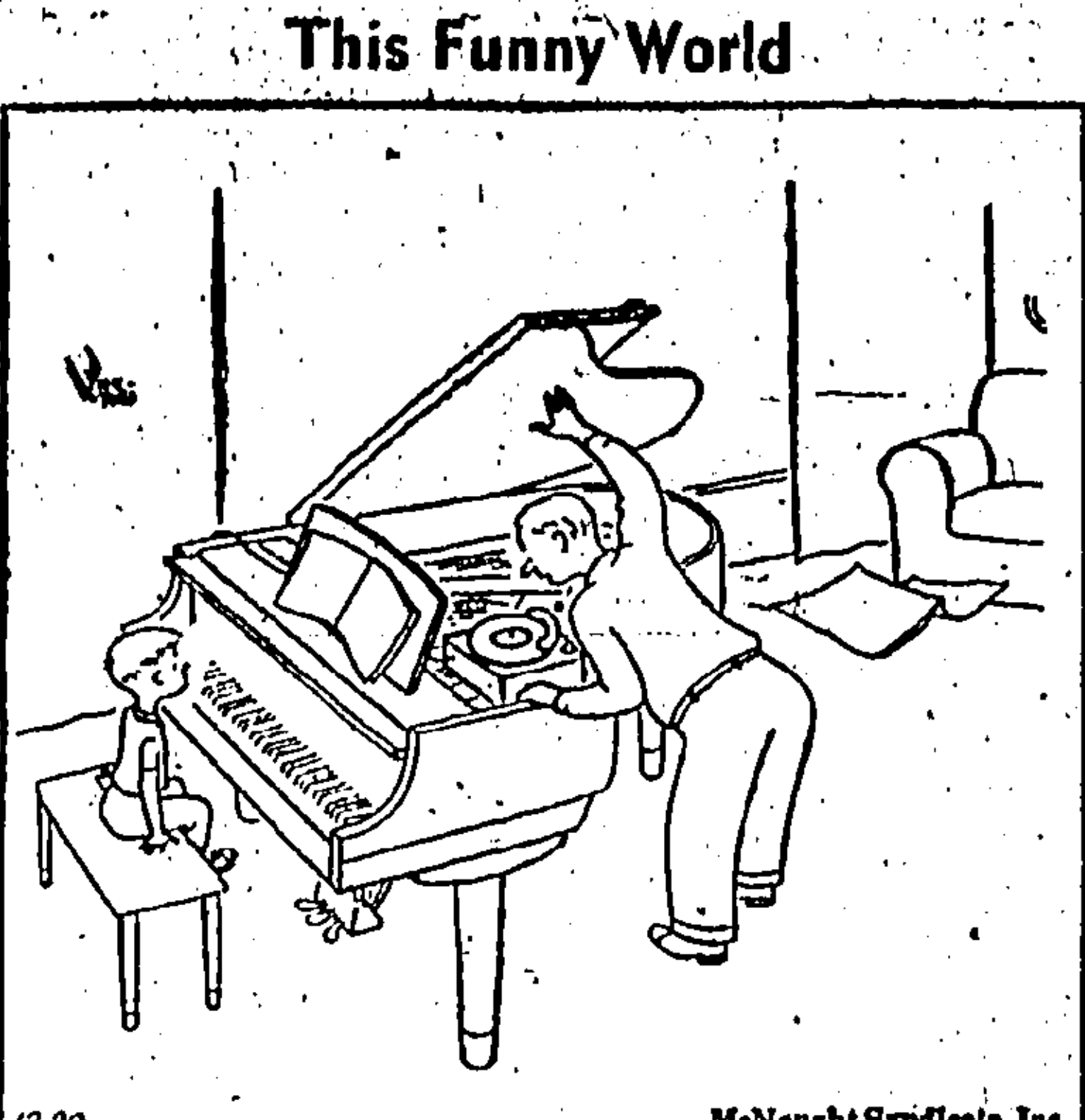
By OSWALD JACOBY

IN certain bidding situations you get the opportunity to use a penalty double as a way of suggesting a lead to your partner. If you're not careful with these doubles, however, you may give the opponents more information than your partner. Today's hand illustrates the point.

North's response of three clubs was part of the Slamman Convention, asking South to show a biddable major suit. If he had one. Everybody at the table knew the meaning of this bid, and knew likewise that it would be purely coincidental if North really had a club suit.

East doubled partly to suggest a club opening lead to his partner and partly with the fringe hope that the opponents would be frightened into bidding less than the true value of the hand. As it turned out, the double merely encouraged South to bid boldly.

South ignored the double to begin with, showing his biddable spade suit as requested. When North promptly jumped to six spades, South considered the fact that he had all four aces



"Paderewski's Minuet. I thought you sounded pretty good for a beginner!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BORN today, you are gifted with unusual talents and you might be happy if you made this your life career. However, you are also interested in mathematics and the exact sciences. This will open other areas of endeavour if you feel you are not yet fully developed artistically. You have a more artistic side to your nature, for you are very fond of pretty clothes, fine jewelry and entertaining. You are apt to have your full share of charm and beauty and will make excellent hostesses. You have a fine memory, which is a great help, especially if you should go into politics or on the stage—something for which you might find yourself fitted.

You have a tremendous store of nervous energy but must guard

against trying to do too many things at the same time. If you do from one thing to another, leaving jobs begun, but unfinished, then you may never achieve the material success that comes from specialization. Since your home life is strong, it is likely that you will entertain within your own family group rather than seeking pleasures outside its circle.

Among those born on this date are: Mrs. Sembrich, singers Gallico, physicist; Russell; J. Conwell, educator; Joseph Hergesheimer, author; Cyrus McCormick, inventor; Susan B. Anthony, reformer; Dr. William Lorenz, psychiatrist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you're a politician and careful, you can combine business and pleasure to your advantage. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Guard against any health upset just now—but if it's just mental laziness, pay no attention to it. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't fall victim to flattery from someone who is trying to get a free ride on your success train. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Curb overindulgence in extravagant tastes just now. No need to make a GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—You may think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. If chances are that you are wrong! CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be wary of "good" fortune today's financial windfall for that proverbial rainy day. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—The domestic scene could be a little frisky especially if one is a partner—ship has been too extravagant. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—You may have a lot of work that

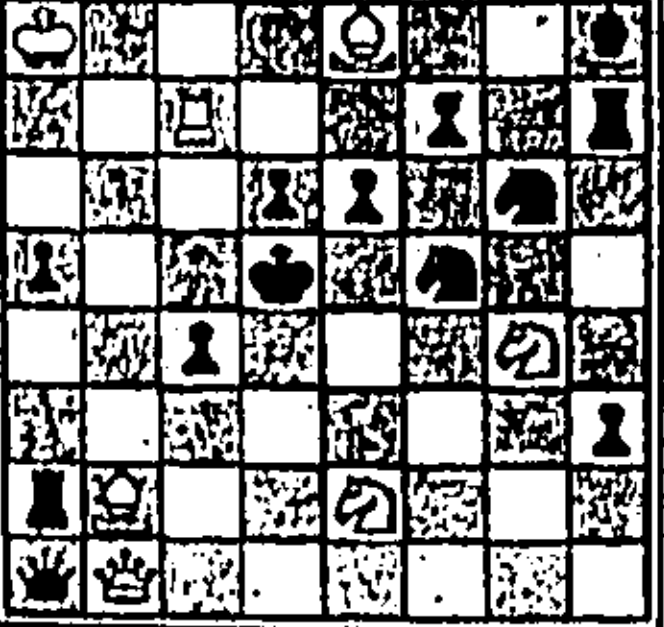
needs to be finished today, so get a really early start at it this morning. LION (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Never be persuaded to do something better judgment to do something better or to do something better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Remember, velvet glove, iron fist. A smile will gain your point, rather than threatening with a clenched fist. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—It is likely that you may receive an unexpected visit from a close friend or relative. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—You may be asked for a loan. If the need is real, then you might give assistance.

CHESS PROBLEM

By I. NEUMANN

Black, 13 pieces.



White, 7 pieces. White to play: mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. Q-K5; threat 2. Kt-K16 (ch). 1... R (K17)×Q; 2. R-KB5; 1... R (K14)×Q; 2. R (K17)×K7; 1... R×K1; 2. Q-B5; 1... R×P; 2. Q-K7; 1... K×K1; 2. B×QBP; 1... R-K5; 2. Q-Q6.

Answer Tomorrow

• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

"IMAGINE," says an article on animals, "how enormous an elephant must seem to a mouse."

It cuts both ways, as the Tamil said in the two-edged sword. In Delhi they tell the story of an elephant who fell down a quarry, and, picking himself up, saw his first mouse. "You're very small," said the elephant, "said the mouse. 'I've been ill, you see'."

Superstition

I HEAR that something went wrong with the tests of the newest automatic machine. When the shilling was inserted by an official who pressed the button marked British Breakfasts. Frozen Chinese Egg Powder and Processed Near-Bacon, there was a smell of escaping gas, a toothbrush shot out and began to brush his teeth a bore for a dog fell out of the slot marked Evening Papers, an alarm clock went off, a cultured voice said, "Buy Snibbo," a whirling sound preceded the playing of "Lonesome For De Moon."

shower of greenpaper paper came out of the top of the machine, followed by a packet of Anticks and a toy swan, a card with the printed message, "Mine. Zaphron, the fortune-teller, says: 'This is your lucky day.'"

dropped out of the slot.

marked Pills For All Ailments, blue lights flickered, hinges fell off, smoke rose, and, poking forward incautiously, the official's nose was caught in an opening marked Liquorice Jam.

Tragic

It took stagehands fifteen minutes to throw the fans back into the stalls.

(Account of American concert.)

A Walt Whitman said,

"Muriel lifts mankind," but

Walt, who does more than

Walt can to justify the howling

fan, did not foresee that

mankind, when lifted, would be

thrown back into the auditorium

like a cast-off fish into the

sea. "Throw me that pretty

girl on the left, cries a man-

about-town who has had the

good sense to remain in his

stall. But suppose over-zealous

stagehands had flung the singer

into the stalls by mistake? What

would have been left of him? Ask of the winds that

blow around with dragons and

the sea.

Marginal note

I SEE that an Englishman

has said that it is barbaric

to cook roast lamb with garlic.

A French lady retorted that it

was barbaric to eat roast lamb

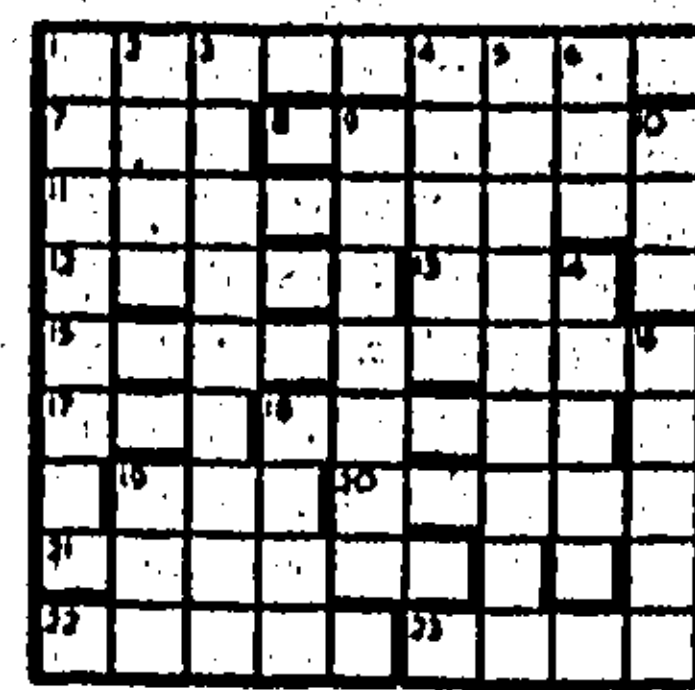
with mint sauce. The French

lady is right. Mint sauce kills

wine.

This Funny World

CROSSWORD



1. Is streaked with a white as soon as you look at it (3-9).
2. Little in the cabin story (3).
3. Telesco. (6).
4. Is, drivers (anag.) (9).
5. Branch of peacemakers (5).
6. Immortal in poem (3-6).
7. It's a help on the farm (5).
8. Opposition (3).
9. A note of music (5).
10. Snake on shoulders (3).
11. Join up hero (5).
12. Jeered (5).
13. Dutch backwaters (5).
14. River do this away from my door (4).

Down
1. The bottle is by no means tiny.
2. This eye is a witch's plaything.
3. Thank you childishly, etc. with stock underneath (5).
4. They inspired (10).
5. It's more than just bright (9).
6. The termination is, half a (4).
7. Nice in a fashion (7).
8. These legs appear, maybe, half-way through a voyage (5).
9. She's the many a black faced song (5).
10. The wind is not constant (5).
11. On it, you may show a little (4).
12. Friend of a (4).
13. Comedy (3).

TARGET

NER
DPH
PEA

HOW many words of four letters, or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In each of the small squares may be used once only. One letter word in the list. No plurals or foreign words; no proper names. 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A very special welcome to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week goes to Rifleman Lulbahadur Limbu of the 2/7 Gurkha Rifles for his fine win in the Annual Khud Race held in the New Territories on Saturday.

The winner had the added satisfaction of leading his colleagues to a victory in the team event and once again the tough, fit, sure-footed Gurkhas showed their superiority over all comers in this traditional running hill climb, although for a time it looked as though the enterprising team of 1 King's Own might cause a real upset.

The draws for the first rounds of the Major and Minor Units Football Cups have produced some exciting games. The draws are as follows:

Major Units Cup: 8 Coy RASC v. 27 HAA Regt RA; 1 Essex v. H K Sig Regt; 1 Northampton v. 1 North Staffs; 19 Fd Regt RA v. 1 King's Own; 1 Hussars v. 15 Med Regt RA; 24 Fd Engrs, 14 LAA Regt RA.

Minor Units Cup: HKCTU v. HQ HK & Kln Garrison; 82 Sqn RE v. 173 Loc Bty RA; 11 Inf Wkshps v. 23 Gen Hosp; Transit Camp v. 20 FDS; RE Wkshps v. 20 Coy RASC; 3 Supply Depot v. Q Mov; 6 COD v. BMH; HQ 27 Bde v. Cmd Wkshps; Byes—50 Coy RASC, HQ 48 Bde, 27 Lt Bty RA, RMP, HQRA, Mov Lt Tp, Dist Wkshps, CPO.

All first round games in both competitions will be played on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

INTER-UNIT BOXING
The 1956 Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championship has provided some grand bouts and one or two surprises both in the match results. When the draw was originally announced there were those who felt that it was a pity that it had precluded the possibility of a North Staffs-King's Own final. This feeling appears to have been based on the belief that these two units were very evenly matched. How wrong that proved to be.

They met in the first round and the North Staffs overwhelmed their opponents and managed to win in eleven minutes. It must be said that one or two of the contests were very close affairs. But points are what count and by 21 to 12 North Staffs scored a decisive victory and moved on to crown everything. Land Forces Champion L/Cpl Meigh scored his third straight win over L/Cpl Jones, pride of the King's Own.

The other two matches were much closer and 7th Hussars accounted for 15 Northampton by 10 points to 1 in a thrilling clash that was only settled in the last bout. Combined Workshops REME scraped through by 17 points to 10 against 27 HAA Regt RA. The feature of this latter match was the defeat of Colony Middleweight Champion Cpl. Dinning by Gar Bone in the Light-Heavyweight bout. This was no Championship show by Dinning and his current ill-conceived selfish for the big punch is reducing him to very ordinary levels.

The first of the two semi-finals will take place at Sek Kong at 8 p.m. tonight when 7 Hussars tackle 1 North Staffs in what should be a terrific battle for a place in the final.

The other semi-final between 74 LAA Regt RA and Combined Workshops REME will take place at Whitfield Barracks next Wednesday at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES
And now some important news for those interested in team athletics.

The North Minor Units meeting will be staged at Sek Kong on February 15 while the South Minor Units will tussle for supremacy at Boundary Street on Thursday, March 1. Three teams from each of these two groups will contest the Land Forces Minor Units Final at Boundary Street on March 16.

The Major Units Competition will be held in three sections as follows: 48 Bde at Sek Kong on February 10; 27 Bde at San Wai on March 2; and HK & Kln Gar at Boundary Street on March 3. Two teams from each group will go forward to the Land Forces Major Units Final on March 17.

One of the high spots of the REME athletic meeting on other day was the exciting Open Mile which was won by SAC Martin of the Royal Air Force against a very strong field.

There were several well known names among those who finished behind the feet-footed airman but it all current arrangements go according to a repetition of the thrills will be one of the big attractions at the Annual RAMC meeting at Boundary Street on February 22.

An invitation has been extended to SAC Martin to take part and as acceptance have already been received from Lieut. Alderton, Burth and Lockstone.

J. L. MANNING'S SPORTS DIARY

I TAKE THE BIG STICK TO HEADMASTER ELLIS

It is enough to have football matches abandoned because of snow and ice. It is altogether too much to have them stopped by referees imagining themselves to be heroes of the Mutiny on the Bounty.

Thus I reflect on the extraordinary action of Mr Arthur Ellis ending the game between Coventry and San Lorenzo because one of the Argentine players refused to go off when ordered and generally went berserk.

It was a collective punishment of the other players and all the spectators alike. The philosophy of caning the whole class when one boy is ungovernable is founded on weakness and not on strength. Since this bit of "headmaster's study" touchiness, Mr Ellis has consented to a lot of publicity.

So I will not merely take the stick to Mr Ellis but also write him to say publicly that the job of a referee is to control the game and not to abandon it.

TRIBUTE TO WIVES

Indeed, I feel I ought to dwell upon some of the subjects Mr Ellis has seen fit to lecture upon since he was unable to go through with the match at Coventry.

Of footballers, Mr Ellis declares: "If footballers children talk about the way some footballers do, they would have sore bottoms very often."

If this is a tribute to footballers' wives, may I join the argument with these few lines: Johnny's unruly and, more is the pity.

He kicks referees, like his dad who's with City. Inherited folly—his mother's face pales.

For didn't his grandpa play Rugby for Wales? But that is not all from Headmaster Ellis. He has stated as with this statement and I quote:

"In sportsmanship the Russians are the best." This remark makes me see red. So you can quote me as saying: Marx taught them to behave like a slave.

Obediently like a slave. If they lose they blame a gremlin. Which always satisfies the Kremlin.

WINTER GAMES

As we began with snow and ice, so let us continue and talk about the Winter Games just concluded at Cortina.

At once I turn aside from the temptation of superficial comment. That would be to say that this is hardly the time to blame the lack of snow in Britain for our succession of failures.

No, I am concerned with other aspects of our Olympic policy. I am informed that we sent 45 competitors at a cost of about £4,000 to the British Olympic Association, and distributed as follows:

Skiers (25) £800;
Ski-jumpers (11) £600;
Bobs (9) £700.

In addition, uniforms and clothing for the parade cost £1,000, and other incidentals.

THIS OTHER GUY

This is what Johnston had to say reassuringly about his Champion:

"Moore wanted a fight to tune up as he has not had one since last September. So I said: 'OK, fix one up yourself.'"

WORLD TRIP TO BOOST GAMES



Novel method of publicising the forthcoming Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, has been hit upon by Mr Paul Morawetz, a Czech-born Australian. He is currently travelling round the world carrying with him an Olympic flag—and in every city he visits he prevails upon the mayor to sign the flag. Tuesday he was received by London's Lord Mayor, Alderman Cuthbert Ackroyd, who is pictured signing the flag, while Mr Morawetz watches. —Express Photo.

Belgian Boxers Should Wear Leather Helmets

Brussels, Feb. 14. A report recommending that Belgian boxers should wear leather helmets, foam rubber waist belts and large gloves with foam rubber surfaces was approved by the lower house committee on Public Health tonight.

These measures were suggested as a protection against injuries to the head and body. The report stated that if a boxer were seriously hurt by an illegal blow, then his opponent would be responsible under civil law—China Mail Special.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Edited By Bob Pennington

Two new recruits from Fulham, Charlie Mitten and Ron Greenwood, and one old hand from Highbury, Tommy Lawton, were lined up last week to take over the uneasy seats of soccer managership.

Mitten has been appointed player-manager of Mansfield. He cost his new club just over £3,000. He lost his first team place at Fulham to Trevor Chamberlain, the boy who scored three goals against Newcastle in the fourth round Cup tie.

Ron Greenwood, the Fulham centre-half and one of the best coaches to wear the FA badge of merit, is favourite for the team manager's job—at Fulham. Fulham have studied applications from top players all over Britain who want to take over the running of their team from general manager Frank Osborne. Their verdict—

"Not one has got the qualifications and personality Mr Osborne is seeking." So they looked around Craven Cottage and found Greenwood. Experience, personality, respect from the youngsters. Greenwood fits.

£6,000 OFFER

Short - passes. Reading have refused a £6,000 offer for ex-Fulham wingman Wally Hinchelwood by a Division II club now in the promotion race. Brian Birch, Lincoln City inside-forward, wants a move and will get one if the bid is right.

Leyton Orient, have decided on their two new men to boost their promotion drive. Now they are talking money. Fulham's directors have told West Bromwich: "Forget Bobby Robson. If we sell Robson we might as well sell Bedford Jezzard and Johnny Haynes and shut up shop."

TOP SECRET TERMS

The Fulham job was one of the dreams of Tommy Lawton, player-manager of Brentford before he moved to Arsenal. Last week 36-year-old Lawton signed for Kettering as player-manager. His top-secret terms will certainly make him the top-pay man of the Southern League.

Stanley Matthews celebrated his 41st birthday quietly—in Blackpool last week. Not one managerial offer to trouble the world's greatest footballer. Everyone knows better than to ask a postcard from a boy in Poland was among a shoal of good wishes.

Thirteen top overseas clubs, ranging from Paraguay to Yugoslavia, want to tour England. Whatever the South Americans may say about our referees.

Now lining up for an English visit are Libertad (Paraguay), Halmstad (Sweden), Vienna F.C. and Wacker (Austria), Karlsruhe (Germany), Saarbrücken (Sax), Nice and St. Etienne (France), Sevilla, Espanol de Barcelona, Valencia, and Athletic Bilbao (Spain), and Spartak (Yugoslavia), and there'll be only Libertad left for an away-from-it-all holiday!

Jimmy Logie is still laughing. An Irish League club have offered the ex-Arsenal and Scotland inside-right, £15 a week and expenses to play in Ireland, upped to £25 a week if he moves there.

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Well-known public performers are backed every time they run and invariably have strong following—with the possible exception of their first appearance in any one season. Horses are not machines and cannot be expected to run consistently all the time.

But the public do not want the wool pulled over their eyes by the excuses of some trainers, whose horses take a seemingly long time to get back to form when there is no apparent reason why they should ever have lost.

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A master of his profession might be a more accurate description, for there is no reason for supposing that it is necessary for the horse down to the extent that he could not show his true form in public for such a long time.

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CONVINCING

Is there any real difference between a public performer of known ability who is down the course three times before finding his real form in a convincing fashion, and a novice who goes round at the tail end of the field?

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SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Another Good Bowling Spell By Ian Johnson

Melbourne, Feb. 14.

Ian Johnson, Australia's Test captain who is to lead the Australians on their tour of England this summer, had another good bowling spell today when Victoria beat Western Australia by an innings and 102 runs in the final Sheffield Shield game of the season.

He took three wickets for 23 to give him match figures of 7 for 52.

Final scores were: Victoria 525 (R. N. Harvey 142, Dick Maddocks 99, C. McDonald 92, S. Lockton 97, L. Maddocks 54, A. Green 56 for 97).

West Australia 152 (K. McGuireman 40, Ian Johnson four for 29, J. Hill four for 37) and 181 (A. Edwards 42, Ian Johnson three for 23).

Victoria's win puts them in second place in the final Sheffield Shield table—two points behind New South Wales, who have won the title for the third year in succession.

Final positions in Shield Table are: New South Wales 52 points 62.8 per cent.

Victoria 20 points 57.1 per cent.

Queensland 14 points 40 per cent.

Western Australia 9 points 25 per cent.

South Australia 8 points 22.3 per cent.—Reuter.

NEW S. AMERICAN SWIM RECORD
Vina del Mar, Feb. 14. Chile's Oscar Alvarez set a new South American record for the 200 metres butterfly when he won one of today's series in 2:43.5.—United Press.



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Mainland Win?

The Island v. Mainland cricket match at Chater Road, which was to have been a two-day affair, was abandoned yesterday morning owing to rain that greeted in the Year of the Monkey. The Mainlanders were 24 runs ahead at close of play on the first day and must have won on first innings, or was to a draw?

27 HAA Regt. Wins Inter-Unit Squash Tourney

27 HAA Regiment RA became the Army Inter-Unit Squash Champions when they defeated the British Military Hospital by four games to one at the Victoria Squash Courts yesterday.

At the conclusion of the games, Mrs Cholmeley, wife of Brigadier Cholmeley, MBE, Commander, Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, presented the trophies, and was in turn presented with a bouquet of flowers by the captain of the winning team, Watson.

The following are the results: Watson (27 HAA) lost to Sullivan (BMH) 0-9, 5-9, 5-9. Smith (27 HAA) beat Baggart (BMH) 10-8, 9-7, 8-7. Rowe (21 HAA) beat Wood (BMH) 9-0, 5-9, 9-0, 8-11. Campbell (27 HAA) beat Allen (BMH) 9-0, 5-9, 9-2. Owen-Smith (27 HAA) beat Tym (BMH) 9-0, 5-9, 9-0.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NY COTTON
FUTURES
OPEN
HIGHER

New York, Feb. 14. Cotton futures today opened higher and maintained a firm undertone for the rest of the session. Covering in the March delivery, anticipating first notice day—Feb. 23—and reflecting a further shrinkage in the certificated stock, dominated the situation in nearby months. Right at the close, day trade realising unsettled the deferred deliveries, but the March contract finished at the day's high. Final range showed the lift up 15 to 18 points. Opening prices were up 1 to 13 points.

New crop delivery featured further buying credited to shippers, spot merchants and other traders. Interest, supposedly in placement buying against the sale of actual cotton for delivery later in the year.

SELLERS CAUTIOUS
Sellers' cautiousness pending developments on farm legislation, added the rising trend in later months, with the New Orleans Exchange closed today for the Mardi Gras holiday. Buying was concentrated in the local market, traders said.

A tightening spot cotton situation, following the heavy lifting under the government loan programme, provided additional strength for the nearby. The March contracts edged close to the 34½ cent level, the highest price on the board in a little more than a year.

The certificated stock totalled 10,420 bales, a decline of 342 bales from the previous posting. Open contracts in March at the start of trading today totalled 199,400 bales.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
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In Search Of A Wife

MEN take drink that is stronger than water for many reasons. Some drink to revive flagging spirits, others to bolster a faltering courage. Some drink to be sociable, some in obedience to doctors' orders, a few because they are thirsty.

Occasionally, despair drives a man to bottle or barrel, and that is the worst kind of drinking of all. It was the kind of drinking Jan indulged in the other evening.

Jan is a stocky, serious-looking, fair-haired man, an exile here since the war, in which he fought on the winning side alongside Britons.

A HOME
As many of his compatriots have, Jan has built up a new life here, and by hard work has established a home, made friends and found a wife. There seemed every chance of happiness, and the gnawing nostalgia for his homeland that had once been his constant companion visited him less and less frequently.

Then Jan began to suspect that his wife was losing interest in him and in their life together. There was a man she was friendly with, Jan knew she was, by sight, though not by name. Jan was sure it was he who had come between his wife and himself.

PURSUIT
When his wife announced the other evening that she had to go out, she was vague in giving reasons that Jan felt certain she had gone to meet the other man. He thought he would where the two would have gone—so one or another of a number of public-houses in the West End.

Jan decided on pursuit. He wanted to settle the matter once and for all, to appeal to the other man and to his wife to put an end to their friendship.

In the first public-house that he went to Jan saw no sign of his wife or of the man. He took a drink or two to warm up his cold loneliness. Then he moved on to the next inn.

I HAD NO INTENTION
Some hours and many drinks afterwards, Jan reeled on to an Oxford Street pavement. He had visited numerous bars, and caught no glimpse of his wife or rumour of her having been there.

On the pavement, a policeman picked up Jan as he staggered, and arrested him for being drunk. "Guilty," Jan said bleakly at the Clerkwell court next morning.

"Is there anything you want to say?" the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, asked him, when he had heard the policeman's story.

"Yes, there is something," Jan said. "I had drinks too many, but I had not the intention of getting drunk. My wife, you see, I wanted to have some words with this other man."

I AM NOT THAT SORT
He hotly told his story. "Perhaps it's just as well, you didn't meet this man, if you were drunk," said the magistrate. "You might—"

"I am not that sort," Jan said dully. "I would just have had with him a quiet word."

The magistrate turned to his clerk. "He certainly seems very depressed," he observed. "Has he any money?"

"He had £14 on him," the clerk answered.

"You must pay 5s.," said the magistrate to Jan. "Yes, sir," Jan nodded and went away, back to the home he had built on uncertain foundation in a land that was foreign to him, and back to his doubts and fears.

The Queen Opens New Nigerian Parliament Today

Ibadan, Nigeria, Feb. 15.
The Queen today opens new parliament buildings here for the western region of Nigeria—one of her last official functions before she returns to London by air tomorrow night.

She will turn a golden key in the main door of the buildings raised at a cost of £370,000, and this western region will have its first permanent home for the two houses of the legislature, giving accommodation to its 46 members of the House of Chiefs and 80 members of the House of Assembly.

Tens of thousands of Nigerians who have not yet had the opportunity of seeing the royal couple will get their chance today, when the Queen and Duke leave here to travel 90 miles by road back to Lagos.

This journey, through miles of cocoa plantations, oil plantations, kowas nuts and fields of cassava, maize, yams and bananas, will take the royal couple nearly seven hours. The convey of vehicles will travel slowly to give villagers and plantation workers a chance of welcoming the Queen along the whole route.

BEFLAGGED STREETS
The last few miles of the journey will be once again through the beflagged streets of Lagos, where tens of thousands of Nigerians are expected to line the route and give the Queen a motherly great welcome on the eve of her return to Britain.

The Queen last night presented a silver cup to a team of tribal dancers who performed a special dance in her honour. The Isokri national dancing team from the Niger delta, who were presented with the cup won in national competition last year, included 44 women bedecked in gold, silver and coral jewellery worth a total of £22,000.

Three other teams also gave displays before the Queen and Duke, who sat with guests after a state dinner.—Reuter.

Quiz Competitor Gives In

New York, Feb. 14.
Mrs. Olga Bikel, a contestant on TV's biggest giveaway show, made a surprise withdrawal today from the programme, giving up a chance to win as much as \$10,000.

Mrs. Bikel, an international lawyer from Tel-Aviv, had built up a stack of \$20,000 on NBC-TV's "The Big Surprise" by answering a series of questions in the category "Napoleon."

She was scheduled to make a try for \$50,000 on the show last Saturday night, but did not appear. It was announced on the show that she was ill.

"She told us today," said the producer of the show, "that she does not wish to go on. She said she felt she would faint if she walked onstage. It's the first time anyone has been allowed to quit."

Under the rules of the programme, a contestant cannot quit with his winnings. The producer indicated, however, that an exception would be made in Mrs. Bikel's case, and she would receive the \$20,000 she has won thus far.—United Press.

Wasn't A Fire After All

London, Feb. 14.
"Fire" broke out in the staid House of Commons today and Britain's parliamentarians reacted with a spasm.

Captain E. W. Hors (Lab) was apparently the first to notice the smoke coming into the chamber through the ventilation grille. He interrupted Viscount Hinchinbrook, who was moving an amendment to a housing bill.

"I know Lord Hinchinbrook could not set the Thames on fire, but has he set the House on fire?" he asked, among twitters from the Opposition benches.

In Parliamentary fashion, the deputy speaker, Sir R. H. Hopkin-Morris, moved to the aid of the bewildered speaker. He said inquiries were being made about the smoke.

Later, he announced that it was not smoke but steam, caused by a fault in the House's humidifier.—United Press.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
By Air
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, noon.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
India, Ceylon, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
By Air
Burma, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
U.S.A., Central & South America, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Indo-China, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Sacked Police Officer To Appeal

London, Feb. 14.
A 47-year-old Metropolitan Police Inspector in London's West End, who was dismissed under the Police discipline code, is to appeal to the Home Office.

He is Inspector Charles Jacobs. It was announced yesterday that he had appealed to the Home Office. The statement by Scotland Yard said that Inspector Jacobs was found guilty by a disciplinary board of having assisted a convicted prostitute to obtain premises for the purpose of prostitution, of having failed to disclose in court the previous convictions of a man found guilty of living on immoral earnings, and of having failed to account for property taken possession of by him from another man whom he had arrested for living on immoral earnings.—China Mail Special.

DOG GOES ON A SPREE

Carlisle, Feb. 14.
Bryn, a sad-looking St. Bernard, spent last night in the local jail because he was drunk. Bryn belongs to Bob Pollitt of nearby Wetheral. He accouges beer from patrons of the Whist-a-shout pub. He usually downs two or three pints a night.

Last night he downed more and was caught when he staggered into an Army camp here and ignored the sentries' orders to halt. Bryn was turned over to the police.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Remember all those bridge prizes that you didn't like, Mom? We made \$8 selling 'em around the neighbourhood!"

CYPRUS AGREEMENT POSSIBLE TODAY

From RENE MacCOLL

Nicosia, Feb. 14.
There may be an agreement in the making here in Cyprus tonight which will bring peace back again to the island, and the killing of British servicemen, and ensure Britain's base in Cyprus remains as a bastion of Western strength handily close to the nervous Middle East.

I spent an hour with handsome, gentle-voiced Archbishop Makarios in his palace last night and the thing which particularly struck me during our talk was the sense of confidence in a solution to the "troubles" which he showed throughout.

Archbishop Makarios was clearly in an optimistic mood and also a conciliatory mood as well. He told me with absolute assurance that if he agreed to a deal with the Governor, Sir John Harding, it would stick. "If I accept an arrangement I feel confident that all the people will accept it too. Eoka (extremist militant organization) will abide by any decision I reach. I secured agreement from all the Greeks in Cyprus before sending my last reply to Sir John. I am absolutely confident Cyprus will agree with my judgment."

"WON'T DEFEY ME"
"Eoka won't defy me. I believe we have shown understanding and goodwill. Now it is up to Britain on whether an agreement can be reached."

Archbishop Makarios spoke warmly of Sir John Harding. "From the Governor personally I receive understanding. When I discuss matters with him he always shows understanding and goodwill," he said. "The future? Once a solution has been worked out, I look forward to good friendship between the peoples of Cyprus and Britain."

Tonight the lights were burning late in the archbishop's gambling palace as Makarios and his personal advisers studied Sir John Harding's latest letter.—London Express Service.

MALENKOV REMAINS

London, Feb. 14.
Russia's High Command kept ousted premier Georgi Malenkov in the top rank of its leaders today in the first official indication of his role at the Communist Party Congress.

Malenkov was included with Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the Party chief, Nikita Khrushchev, in the 39-man Congress Steering Committee (presidium) elected at the first session. The ex-premier was listed last. But Soviet exports here said the order of names broadcast by Radio Moscow appeared to indicate neither rank nor precedence.

Khrushchev was listed 32nd among the 39 and Bulganin was fifth, followed by the Foreign Minister, V.M. Molotov.

It appeared, observers said, that the names had been deliberately shuffled to eliminate any speculation of "rank".—United Press.

DISHONoured CHEQUE

\$30,000 Judgment For Plaintiffs

Judgment with costs was awarded by Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning to the Kwok Kwong Hong, of Room 607, No. 4, Queen's Road Central, in a claim of \$30,000 against the Tung Sun Trading Co., endorers of a cheque, and Liu Kuo-chi, a partner of the trading company.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr A. Y. Hon. The defendants were not present during the proceedings.

The claim was against the Fu Kee and Co., drawers of a cheque drawn on the Kin Cheong Banking Corporation for \$30,000 dated January 31, 1954, which was dishonoured upon presentation. Woo Hung-fop, a partner of the Company, the Tung Sun Trading Co., endorers of the cheque and Liu Kuo-chi.

Mr Clifford told the Judge that the first defendants firm had been closed for a considerable time and the second defendant had since died. The third and fourth defendants were originally represented by Mr B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. C. Woo, who later withdrew as no further instructions had been received. The third and fourth defendants had filed no affidavit.

Mr See Chi-wai, managing partner of the Kwok Kwong Hong, said the cheque had been paid to his firm in return of a loan for \$30,000. Dated January 31, 1954, the cheque was presented to the Bank to be cashed but was dishonoured. Mr See said the money was still owing to the plaintiffs.

Finding the claim proved, Mr Justice Reynolds awarded judgment with costs to the plaintiffs against the third and fourth defendants.

Case Resumes After Three Months

After an adjournment of three months with several unsuccessful attempts at a settlement, the Nam Ping Hotel case continued before Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Supreme Court this morning.

The claim is for a dissolution of partnership of the Nam Ping (On Kee) Hotel of 199-147 Des Voeux Road Central which was established in 1934 with a share capital of \$16,500.

There are 17 litigants in the case, six of them plaintiffs and 11 of them defendants.

The plaintiffs are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC and Mr John Clifford, (instructed by M.A. da Silva). Mr John McNeill QC, Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Victor Gilman (instructed by P. L. Lam) represent two defendants; Mr D. A. L. Wright (instructed by Mr P. C. Woo) represents two other defendants and Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam, represents another defendant. The remaining six defendants are not legally represented and this morning only one of them appeared in Court.

AN AFFIDAVIT

Mr McNeill recalled that he was cross-examining the first plaintiff, Li Kuo-po, three months ago, but told the Court that he could not guarantee to proceed in exact sequence.

He questioned the witness on his affidavit made in June, 1955 when he said he left Hongkong in September, 1943 to return to his village.

Counsel also put to the witness a declaration of agreement which he signed on September 7, 1943, in which he agreed to hand over his shares in the Nam Ping Hotel and other companies as compensation for the loss and damage of furniture of the Kwong Chai Hotel.

Li said that he was forced to hand over the shares and he signed the agreement under duress for he was in fear of his life during the Japanese occupation. He maintained that this was only temporary and that he still considered himself a partner of the Nam Ping Hotel.

Hearing is continuing.

TODAY'S POLICE REPORTS

Four persons, including a seven years' old boy, were injured in separate traffic accidents yesterday.

A motor cyclist collided with an elderly Chinese woman who was crossing Causeway Road near its junction with Shelter Street. The pedestrian sustained injuries and was taken to hospital, where she is now detained for treatment.

Leung Ngau, aged seven, received head injuries when he was knocked down by a private motor car in Queen's Road East, near its junction with Anson Street. The boy, who lives at 48, Queen's Road, East, 1st floor, is now detained in hospital.

A male Chinese, Cheung Chuen, suffered injuries to his right leg in a collision with a commercial lorry in Castle Peak Road, in the Shamshuipo district. The injured pedestrian was removed to hospital, where he is now detained.

A St John Brigade ambulance collided with a male Chinese, Lam Kam Chuen, aged 38, in Clear Water Bay Road near the main junction to Wong Tai Sin Village, Kowloon City. The man, who ran across the roadway, sustained head injuries and is now detained in hospital.

STREET THEFTS

Two cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police in Kowloon yesterday.

A gold bracelet was stolen from a Chinese woman in Castle Peak Road, near Yen Chow Street, Shamshuipo. A suspect was subsequently detained by the Police in connection with this offence.

A pickpocket stole a fountain pen from a male Chinese who was waiting at a bus stop in Castle Peak Road.

Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Lucky Dip (Radio Requests presented by Margherita (Singer); 6.55, Students Guide (Interview by Miss Angela (Singer); 7.00, Weather Report (London Relay); 7.05, Contemporary Music (London Relay); 7.10, Special Announcements; 7.15, Concert of Contemporary Music (London Relay); 7.20, Music of the Future (London Relay); 7.25, Music of the Past (London Relay); 7.30, Music of the Present (London Relay); 7.35, Music of the Future (London Relay); 7.40, Music of the Past (London Relay); 7.45, Music of the Present (London Relay); 7.50, Music of the Future (London Relay); 7.55, Music of the Past (London Relay); 8.00, Music of the Present (London Relay); 8.05, Music of the Future (London Relay); 8.10, Music of the Past (London Relay); 8.15, Music of the Present (London Relay); 8.20, Music of the Future (London Relay); 8.25, Music of the Past (London Relay); 8.30, Music of the Present (London Relay); 8.35, Music of the Future (London Relay); 8.40, Music of the Past (London Relay); 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